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WZO plans to offset Arab news

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The World Zionist Organization, in an attempt to counteract Arab propaganda so richly fed by increasing petrodollars, has expanded and improved its information network both in Israel and around the world.

"Arab terrorists still jeopardize the way to peace despite the recent visits made by Kissinger," said Moshe Gilboa, information and organization director of the WZO. "The mood contradicts chances of peaceful agreement." Israel is looking for a solution based on peace but any total negotiation must include Israel's right to live."

The WZO is trying to create a "very diverse and multi-dimensional" system with only "limited resources to counteract the petrodollars of the Arab countries that have produced a highly sophisticated system of propaganda," said Gilboa.

To rectify the "false and distorted" image the Arabs have presented of the Jewish case, the WZO has undertaken a three-point plan to upgrade its information dissemination.

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USSR Jews hear story of Pesach

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL —

Between 8:30 and 8:40 p.m. on the night before Passover, a voice over international radio told Russian Jews about Elijah, the unseen Passover guest who heralds the time of redemption for peoples in bondage.

The voice was that of Rabbi Allan Langner, who obtained 10 minutes of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's overseas air time to beam a Passover broadcast to Russia.

The broadcast consisted of a five-minute message by Rabbi Langner in Yiddish accompanied by a two-minute summary in Russian by a CBC employee.

Rabbi Langner told **Canadian Jewish News** that the CBC was according special treatment to the Jewish community by permitting Yiddish to be used in the broadcast. The usual rule for ethnic broadcasts to Russia is that the Russian language must be used.

A "subtle message of freedom" came through in Rabbi Langner's message. The rabbi said that although he confined himself to discussing historical facts in the exodus from Egypt, and explaining the festival the point about moving towards liberation was clear: "Today we are slaves, next year we hope to be free..."

A similar broadcast was recorded for last Chanukah, Langner said, and another is planned for the High Holidays. Air time has been donated by the CBC in all cases.

Rabbi Langner is leader of Montreal's Beth Congregation and chairman of the National Religious Affairs Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

STREET SCENE IN JERUSALEM [Jacob El-Baz]

Following the Arab terrorist attack last month on Tel Aviv's Savoy Hotel, the government has stepped up security precautions. Two-man patrols are operating even during daylight hours. But this elderly gentleman goes on his way seemingly oblivious to these soldiers in Jerusalem.

Indignation is voiced over proposal of PLO to attend United Nations conference here

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

Jewish communal leaders here are concerned and outraged by the news that a Palestine Liberation Organization delegation will attend a United Nations conference on crime in Toronto during the first two weeks of September.

Sydney Harris, national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, told **The Canadian Jewish News** that it will be a disgrace if the PLO is permitted to enter Canada. Herbert Levy, executive director of B'nai B'rith, District 22, said his organization has appealed to the federal government in an attempt to bar the Palestinians.

Max Shecter, international vice-president of B'nai B'rith, said that non-violent demonstrations will be considered if the PLO delegation attends the conference. And Phil Givens, national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, asserted that "everything should be done" to keep out the PLO.

The Canadian Jewish News last week contacted the offices of Solicitor-General Warren Allmand, Progressive Conservative leader Robert Stanfield, NDP chieftain Ed Broadbent and External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen. But as of late Tuesday afternoon, none of the politicians had replied to the calls.

Earlier, Allmand was quoted in a Canadian Press story as saying his department "was concerned" over the PLO visit "because (their) presence could provoke some opposition in Canada — some dissent."

A spokesman for the External Affairs ministry also denied that PLO leader Yasser Arafat would accompany the delegation to Toronto. And a Royal Canadian Mounted Police spokesman said that Arafat would not be allowed to bring a gun if he attends the conference.

Meanwhile, it has been learned that the Australian government rejected a recent request by the PLO to send a five-man delegation to that country. Prime Minister Gough Whitlam announced the decision after a cabinet meeting in Canberra took cognizance of the storm of opposition raised by the PLO request.

Although Jewish communal leaders launched a major protest campaign against the proposed visit, the most telling opposition is said to have come from the ranks of the ruling Labor party. The Conservative opposition parties declared that the PLO would be unwelcome in Australia until it was prepared to recognize the existence of Israel.

Reacting to the planned visit of the PLO to Toronto, Sydney Harris said the Canadian government now has a "great opportunity to reinstate itself in the eyes of right-thinking citizens" following Ottawa's abstentions at the UN on the Palestine debate last November.

He said he is confident that "all citizens concerned with true law and order" will take up the issue with the government, adding that Canada should be in a position to decide the matter of who can or cannot gain entry to the country.

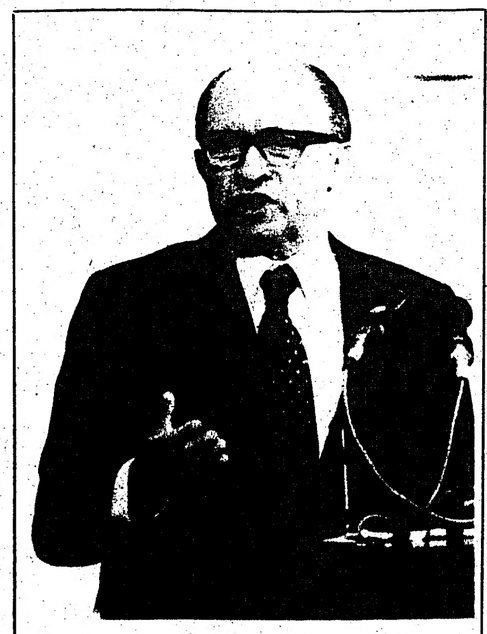
Harris stressed that the Canada-Israel Committee, a group created by CJC, CZF and B'nai B'rith to enhance Israel's image, will not wait "until the last moment" to lobby against the visit. However, he said that CIC's strategy was not for publication.

In a sarcastic aside, Harris said the PLO should attend the UN conference "as an exhibit of the crime it is allegedly trying to eliminate."

Levy voiced the hope that the Department of Manpower and Immigration, with which B'nai B'rith has lodged a protest, will consider "the record of these murderers, irrespective of the fact that the UN has invited them." Without elaborating, Levy said that the entry of PLO representatives into this country would conflict with Canadian immigration laws.

Shecter, who is also a member of the CIC executive, said lawyers are in the process of attempting to determine whether the PLO can legally be banned from visiting Canada. "We believe it may be possible to do it," Shecter stated. Observing that CIC considers the PLO presence in Toronto "a priority subject," he said that non-violent demonstrations may be mounted if the government disregards protests from the Jewish community and permits a PLO delegation to attend the conference.

Givens, branding the PLO as "murderers guilty of committing illegal acts," said the Jewish community should do its utmost to persuade the government that the PLO is unwelcome in Toronto. "There's ample precedent for keeping them out," he emphasized in an interview.



Menachem Begin (shown here addressing the Knesset) will be guest speaker at the Shomer Israel Dinner at Beth Tikvah Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. Event is co-sponsored by State of Israel Bonds and Beth Tikvah. Begin is leader of the Likud Opposition Party.

Contest sponsored by Arab Information Centre is won by student who gets free trip

By RUTH KAHANE
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA —

The Arab Information Centre of Ottawa has chosen winners for a Canada-wide essay contest on the restoration of human and national rights to the people of Palestine, with the first prize winner receiving a four-week trip to Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria.

The contest was first advertised in November when The Canadian Press picked up the story and newspapers across Canada published it. Anyone interested in the topic was to write the Ottawa office for pamphlets on the topic.

The pamphlets contain several hours of heavy reading on the history of the Palestinians with a definite underlying pro-Arab, anti-Israel slant.

According to the Arab Information Centre the principal aim of the contest "was to encourage the interest of Canadian youth in a just solution for the Palestinian question...and enhance an in-depth understanding of the realities of the situation."

They would not comment when asked how people replied to the ad and how many people entered the contest. The judges' estimates of the number of essays they read ranged from 20 to 40.

Michael Rochon, a St. Romuld, Que., political science student won first prize, two Ottawans finished second and third — Ron Purver and A. Duss Mitchell.

According to one of the seven judges, John Sigler, a

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Satok to offer merger proposals

TORONTO —

Officers of Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region this week are expecting to listen to a set of proposals by David Satok, national CJC vice-president, regarding the community's structure.

Satok, an opponent of the merger of Congress (Toronto programs) with the United Jewish Welfare Fund, was given permission to make his proposals by the CJC officers at a meeting last month. The meeting followed the 63% vote in favor of merger at a CJC Regional Council meeting March 2.

In an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News,** Regionl Chairman Milton Harris made it clear "the intention of Congress is to continue progress towards merger."

He continued: "I certainly ...and my supporters regard the vote (108 to 64) as conclusive... But we intend to go slowly to accommodate as much of the opposition as possible."

Russians in our midst

Lack of co-ordination seen major obstacle to their integration

By ELLIE TESHER
(First of three parts)

A definite discrepancy exists to date between expectations and the reality for Russian Jewish immigrants to Toronto. Research into the many aspects of their integration into the community points to a sorely needed attempt to co-ordinate outreach services.

Where does the fault lie for the situation which finds the Russian newcomers bewildered, unhappy and unable to adjust to the world of free enterprise? The blame, if it can be called that, rests both with the community and the Russians.

Research by **The Canadian Jewish News** shows a lack of co-ordinated effort by agencies and volunteer groups. To date there is no Russian-speaking community development worker who would be responsible for establishing effective integration of the newcomers into the total community. This lack exists despite the fact the bulk of the newcomers came to Toronto some two years ago.

The other side of the coin shows problems peculiar to the Soviet Jews. The transition from a Communist state to a free enterprise system has been an abrupt one. Lack of a Jewish background, an ingrained fear of constituted authority, the realities of inflation and recession and a level of expectation for which there is little justification, are some of the roadblocks hindering the newcomers.

According to Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, over 300 families of Russian Jews have come to Toronto in the past two years. JIAS' statistical report for January, 1973 – December, 1974 shows 179 newly-arrived persons from the USSR. Although many are single or couples without children, the average Russian family has one or two offspring; JIAS estimates that there are 75 – 80 school-age children among them.

The number of Russian Jews exceed the numbers of Jewish immigrants from all other countries in every month of 1973–74, constituting an influx of approximately one-quarter of the total immigration received by JIAS in that year.

The reasons for which they leave Russia are many and complex, since, by applying for an exit visa, they expose themselves to harrassment, loss of job and status, even imprisonment for themselves and the families they leave behind. The reasons they come to Canada, particularly Toronto, are simple: a sense of religious freedom as Jews, and economic opportunity for advancement. In both areas there is a wide chasm between expectations and reality, both on the part of the immigrant and the Toronto Jewish community.

In an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News,** one Russian woman, fluent in English, was eager to explain Toronto's appeal, though reluctant to have her name printed in case of reprisals to her family in Russia. "We knew something about America," she said. "Its too busy, and for many of us who wanted to go to Israel, we were afraid its too unsettled. I think some will go on to Israel in the future. As for Canada, few of us knew any French, while we had some English, so we chose Toronto over Montreal."

Another viewpoint was expressed by a Russian actor who has no knowledge of English, and knew he would find it very difficult to get work in his field outside of Russia. He is reported as "wanting to see the world; to get out of this prison that is Russia." He explained that in Russia today, "for one thing or another, a Jew gets into jail."

When the Russian immigrant arrives in Toronto, he has no money, no job, and often no friends or relatives. But he does have certain expectations, notably that he will be free to choose his degree of Jewish affiliation, and that he will get a good job, equivalent at least to the one he left behind.

In November 1974, the Institute of Jewish Policy Planning and Research of the Synagogue Council of America, published an analysis of the recent American experience with Soviet Jewish immigrants. Louis Poch, executive director of JIAS, Central Region, told **The CJN** that much of the background information applies as well to the Toronto situation.

The report indicates that despite the publicity for those dissident Jewish intellectuals articulating their yearning for freedom, the average Russian is simply aware of the disadvantages he faces as a Jew in the USSR. Most are indifferent to building a positive Jewish identity, the report continues. In fact, "their tendency toward assimilation may depend on relationships with the Jewish community during resettlement."

The analysis states that employment is the knottiest problem faced. For the highly trained (many of the immigrants are professionals and academics) a quick transition to comparable jobs is unrealistic, unless there is great proficiency in English. The Russian was not really prepared for the realities of immigration to a free enterprise system, particularly during a recession.

The job market is limited;

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Offer by Israel to meet Egyptians rejected: Rabin

By YITZHAK SHARGIL

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Premier Yitzhak Rabin disclosed that an Israeli offer to meet directly with Egyptian leaders was conveyed to Egypt by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger while negotiations were still in progress for a second-stage Sinai agreement. But the Egyptians rejected such a meeting, Rabin said in interviews published in **Maariv** and **Yediot Achronot.**

The premier also said that he continued to have faith in the basic soundness of relations between Israel and the United States despite the understandable disappointment in Washington over the failure of Kissinger's mediation efforts and President Ford's order for a reassessment of American policy in the Mideast.

Rabin said he had proposed a direct meeting with the Egyptians because Israel regards it as the most efficient way to achieve a settlement acceptable to both sides. He said that in Israel's view, what cannot be achieved before the Geneva Peace Conference is not likely to be achieved at Geneva.

Two other Israeli leaders took a dim view of the Geneva conference. Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told a Labor Party meeting that he thought the chances of success at Geneva were less than the possible chances under Kissinger's step-by-step approach. "There may be a setback there (at Geneva) even more serious than in the Kissinger talks," he said.

"At Geneva, with the composition of that meeting, do you think there are better chances?" he asked. Nevertheless, he said Israel would go to Geneva and make very careful preparations in advance.

Defense Minister Shimon Peres said if the Geneva Conference is reconvened, Israel would face pressure from both the U.S. and the Soviet Union. He said Israel would use the Geneva Conference to determine whether the Arabs are prepared for a full peace settlement. "When the Arabs say yes, then we can talk things through to the end," Peres said.

He observed that there are two stages to the peace process — the disengagement stage where the Arabs talked about territory and the Geneva stage where it will be Israel's turn to talk about a political settlement.

Rabin also disclosed in his interview that Israel had proposed that both it and Egypt reduce their military forces in an effort to diminish the danger of war. He said that Israel offered to shorten the period of compulsory military service from three years to 30 months if the Egyptians pared down their armed forces. This and other Israeli proposals aimed at reducing the chance of war were rejected by Egypt the Premier said.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin (right) chats with Defence Minister Shimon Peres during Knesset debate on the suspension of the Kissinger Peace Mission. The Knesset voted overwhelmingly to support government's stand during the peace talks.

World News

Nothing to fear, Israel is told by Kissinger

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON [JTA] — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger denied that the Ford Administration was considering sharp cuts in aid to Israel and said Israel had nothing to fear from President Ford's order for a formal reassessment of American policy in the Middle East.

Emerging from a closed session of the House Foreign Affairs Committee where he had just given the committee members a detailed briefing on the latest Mideast developments and the outlook for the future in that region, Kissinger told reporters:

"Our policy of reassessment is directed toward developing the best policy of peace in the Middle East and Israel can't possibly have anything to fear from an attempt to bring peace in the Mid-East."

Asked if he feared that sharp cuts in aid to Israel would provoke another clash with Congress which has already opposed Administration policies in Indo-China and Cyprus, Kissinger replied, "Nobody said anything about sharply cutting aid to Israel."

The issue of aid to Israel, which has requested $2.5 billion from the U.S. for the next fiscal year, arose following the collapse of Kissinger's latest efforts. The announcement that Ford has ordered a full-scale reassessment of U.S. policy in the Middle East was regarded in some Congressional quarters as a veiled threat that aid might be withheld from Israel unless it adopted a more flexible position in peace negotiations.

But the State Department has re-emphasized that it was not assigning blame to either side for the failure of the second-stage talks. Department spokesman Robert Anderson made that point after reports circulated here that Kissinger had informed governments in the Middle East that he gave full credit to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for seeking a compromise but was silent on Israel's position.

According to a report in the **Washinton Post,** Kissinger sent the message to 30 countries "in the Middle East region" explaining the breakdown in very general terms. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency asked the State Department whether any part of that report was true. Anderson replied that Kissinger did communicate with a number of governments, but said, "I repeat, there is no question of placing blame on either side" and that "both sides made a serious effort" for a compromise.

When Anderson was pressed to say whether the message actually did give credit to Sadat and was silent on Israel, he said he could not confirm that point one way or another. When he was asked, "Then that part is wrong?" he replied, "I would assume so."

King Faisal, 69, of Saudi Arabia, spiritual leader of the world's 600 million Muslims, was assassinated by a nephew. Israeli leaders labelled him an extremist.

'New Arabian leader could not be any more extreme than Faisal'

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Israeli leaders indicated that it was too early to assess the repercussions of King Faisal's assassination in Riyadh on future developments in the Middle East. But they indicated that from Israel's point of view, Faisal's successor, King Khalid, could be no more extreme than the late monarch.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin remarked that political assassination was not an infrequent occurrance in the Middle East and was just one more problem Israel had to contend with in trying to reach a settlement with its Arab neighbors.

King Faisal's death is certainly a factor that weighs on Israel when it considers diplomatic negotiations and accords, officials here said. They noted there might be room for hope that the new situation in Saudi Arabia would moderate that country's savage vehemence in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Experts on Arab affairs here believe that King Khalid is not the true power center in Saudi Arabia and that his reign could be viewed as a transition period, given the new King's poor health and his age-64. Some sources expressed the view that a power struggle will develop between Khalid and his newly appointed heir-apparent, Crown Prince Fahid.

Fahid is considered one of the most powerful men in Riyadh, these experts say. For years his supporters have held central positions in the power structure there, and he himself has had an important say on foreign policy issues. Both Khalid and Fahid — like most of the Saudian royal house — are considered pro-Western and anti-Soviet. But neither are believed to be so single-minded or so religiously extreme as the late Faisal was.

Political observers point out, nevertheless, that Faisal's basic friendship towards Washington was tried and true — and to that extent his death means a further diminution of U.S. influence in the region at a time when the U.S. had suffered a severe setback through the failure of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's mission.

These observers add, though, that Faisal in the last week of his life had disappointed Kissinger for the second time in several months by failing to throw his vital weight and influence behind the Secretary's "shuttle" effort. Kissinger flew to Riyadh to enlist Faisal's support and influence on President Anwar Sadat of Egypt at the crucial stage of the negotiations.

Kissinger's earlier disappointment with Faisal and his misassessment of the Saudi monarch's aims, occurred late last October at the Rabat Arab summit. The Americans — and consequently Israel too — had expected Faisal to line up behind Jordan's King Hussein and prevent the PLO from ousting him from all pretensions to represent the Palestinian cause. But suddenly and unexpectedly Faisal reversed his long-standing enmity towards the terrorists and swung round behind the PLO.

Stern loses appeal on bribery charge

NEW YORK [JTA] — Dr. Mikhail Stern, the Vinnitsa doctor sentenced to eight years in prison on bribery charges, lost his appeal in the Ukrainian Supreme Court in Kiev, the National Conference for Soviet Jewry reported. Dr. Stern's son, August, who is in the United States under NCSJ auspices to seek help for his father, said "my father is innocent. He is being punished because of my brother's and my desire to emigrate to Israel. The Soviet government is trying to make an example of my father because he is a much beloved and respected physician. I appeal to all Americans to ask Soviet authorities to return my father to me."

Stanley H. Lowell, NCSJ chairman, said "All Americans must be shocked at this decision. Dr. Stern is innocent. Perhaps the Russians believe that Americans no longer care. We will show them how wrong they are. The National Conference for Soviet Jewry will mobilize all its resources, including the National Medical Committee, on his behalf. We have cabled Mrs. Stern to tell her we are with her on this tragic day."

The NCSJ said there was a possibility that Dr. Stern could appeal the conviction to a higher court in Moscow but that propects for a reversal were poor.

Norway pardons Israeli suspect

OSLO [JCNS] — Dan Aerbal, one of five Jews sentenced to jail for the shooting of an Arab waiter, suspected of being a terrorist, has been pardoned by the Norwegian government and has left the country. The decision to release Aerbel was taken on medical grounds because his psychiatric condition might have worsened had he remained in jail.

Pardons for two others involved in the case, South-African-born, Sylvia Raphael, and Avraham Gehmer, both of whom are serving 5½ years, were refused. Aerbel who was sentenced to five years had served about two years of his sentence. The government statement did not say where he had gone.

Israeli intelligence was said to be behind the shooting of Ahmed Bouchiki, a Moroccan.

Scientists are continuing search for more new sources of energy

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT — While international attention has been focussed on plans for nuclear power stations in Israel and in neighboring countries, Israeli scientists have continued their search for new sources of energy, or for more efficient means of exploiting old sources. Everything is being considered, from the proposal of a scientist at the Haifa Technion to construct 10,000 giant, energy-generating windmills, to the scheme of his colleague for a thermonuclear power reactor.

Research continues on an obvious energy source in this sub-tropical climate, the sun. Unfortunately, solar energy has not proven itself economically viable except for the heating of household water supplies. And its benefits in this sphere are cancelled out, in the eyes of environmentalists, by the ugliness of the roof-top solar energy installations which, together with our omnipresent TV aerials, manage to create a particularly horrifying urban skyline.

Even though Israel has far more ample supplies of sun than of water, there is even talk of constructing a 120-megawatt hydroelectric station near the northern end of the Sea of Galilee.

A small hydroelectric station was actually opened on the Jordan, south of the Sea of Galilee, way back in 1932, but it has been out of action since the 1948 war. The proposed new plant would be placed at a point where the Jordan River plunges 830 feet down into the northern end of the Sea of Galilee.

Utilization of oil shale is also under active consideration thanks to Prof. Yehoshua Schachter of Bar-Ilan University. Prof. Schachter believes that the estimated 700-million tons of oil shale recently discovered in the Negev desert would be sufficient to generate some 1,000 megawatts of electricity for a period of 30 years. This is an impressive figure in Israel terms, as the country's present generating capacity is 1,600 megawatts.

Schachter's plan, now being studied by a government appointed engineering firm, calls for on-site burning of the shale to generate electricity, rather than first extracting the oil and then burning it at a power station. Such a direct burning process has been used successfully in West Germany and Estonia, and skyrocketing fuel prices have, according to the Bar-Ilan scientist, made it look attractive here.

Prof. Schachter also emphasizes the fact that the power generating facility he suggests would be particularly valuable in wartime, when other fuel imports might be cut off.

Bombings anger underworld

TEL AVIV [JCNS] — The bombing of a Netanya discotheque in February, in which six young people were killed and 26 injured, angered not only the public and the police, but the Israeli underworld which did not want too much publicity and increased demands to end the protection racket.

This was stated here by Menahem Amir, a Hebrew University lecturer on criminology, who drew attention to the rise of protection rackets and gangland murders since the 1967 Six Day War. Amir gave a startling warning of the inroads of organized crime when he said that public confidence in the police was dwindling and as a result many extortion cases were not reported because of the racketeers' threats.

However, Amir said that violent crimes did not generally hit the streets. Muggings, he pointed out, were virtually absent, women could still go out alone at night, and rape was rare. Amir estimated that there were between 400 and 500 Israeli criminals involved in robbery, gambling, the protection or narcortics rackets, smuggling or prostitution.

Some, he said, were religious Jews and he quoted the example of the capture of three criminal suspects because a conscious-stricken religious Jew sought to transfer the remains of a murdered man buried in an orange grove to a cemetery. The murdered man, apparently, was a victim of gang warfare. Amir also disclosed that a number of gangs had a monopoly in their respective areas and they enforced discipline by "kangeroo" courts.

According to Leon Sheleff, a Tel Aviv lecturer in sociology and criminology, increased violent crimes could be attributed to the "prosperity which came too quickly" after the 1967 Six Day War and was not equally shared." He said that "the gap between established society and marginal elements had widened" and frustrated young people "often found status through violent crime."

Shaul Rosolio, the inspector-general of police, was not surprised by the situation. He felt it almost inescapable as the outcome of Israel's security problems, with arms easy to obtain and training in their use widespread because of compulsory military service. He also pointed out that Israel's social problems had produced friction which in turn caused aggressive attitudes.

However, the police and criminologists believe that violent crime can be contained but are critical of the leniency of some judges and the emphasis on rehabilitation rather than on the deterrence of criminals by some sections of the public.

Controversy arises over Kuwait firm

Charleston, S.C. [JTA] — The Jewish community here has asked the Charleston County Council to deny a Kuwaiti company and its American subsidiares permission to develop Kiawah Island off the South Carolina coast as long as Kuwait continues its blacklist and boycott of American firms.

Kiawah is one of a chain of undeveloped, sparsely inhabited "sea islands" in the Atlantic south of Carolina. Last year it was purchased from its owner, a South Carolina businessman, by the Kuwait Investment Co. The latter established American subsidiaries, the Kiawah Beach Co. and Coastal Shores Inc. to develop and promote the island as an exclusive resort and residential community for wealthy Amricans.

The Community Relations Committee said it will demand, as a condition of further development "that the Arab boycott and blacklist shall not be implemented or enforced in Charleston County and the United States of America."

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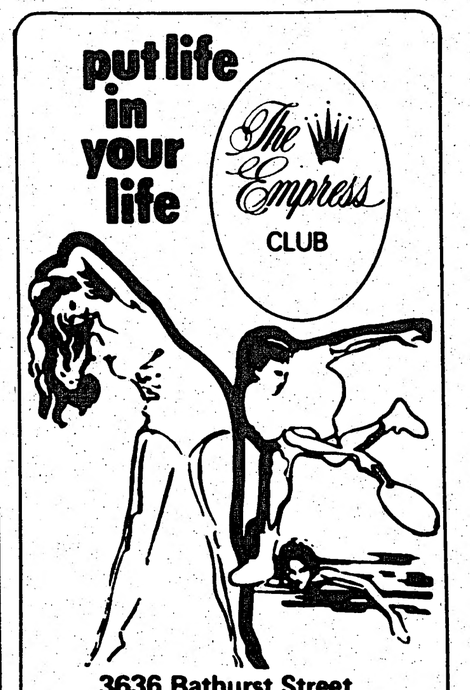

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Bonds drive

Buddy Hackett, Fisher help launch campaign

TORONTO —

Buddy Hackett, the renowned American entertainer, will join singing star Eddie Fisher at O'Keefe Centre Monday, April 28 to help inaugurate State of Israel Bonds' 1975 campaign, Bonds National Chairman George Cohon announces.

A close friend of Cohon, Hackett will perform free of charge — a pledge he made to him soon after the Yom Kippur War. Hackett, U.S. Bonds entertainment chairman, is coming to Toronto because he knows that this city is intent on maintaining its record and reputation as one of the world's foremost fund-raisers, said Cohon.

The Bonds leader, who expects a full house of 3,200 persons to attend the O'Keefe affair, says the Toronto community will raise $22.5 million this year. Tickets per family are available at $1,000 each.

Brimming over with enthusiasm, Cohon said the Hackett concert "will be a huge sellout," and he asserted that it can become an annual event in future Bonds campaigns. "It can be a big winner," he said.

Hackett and Cohon have known each other for more than six years, having been introduced by a mutual friend in Chicago during the Better Boys Foundation charity drive. Like Cohon, Hackett is fully committed to Israel's well being. According to Cohon, Hackett's wife Sherry once bought $10,000 worth of Bonds over the telephone.

Buddy Hackett has performed in every entertainment medium. He has appeared in night clubs (Hotel Sahara), television (**Stanley**) and movies (**It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World**). Cohon, who has the highest regard for his friend, says Hackett is the best paid comic in the business.

He now makes his home in Beverley Hills, and the Hackett's have three children — Sandy Zade, Ivy Julie and Lisa Jean.

Eddie Fisher is most strongly identified with the 1950's, a decade during which he reigned supreme as North America's number one heartthrob.

Visit to Moscow, Prague in '62 changed course of leader's life

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON, Ont. —

The Jewish education of Bella Streiner began in Moscow and Prague in the summer of 1962.

While she was a young girl growing up in New York, being Jewish was something Bella took for granted. She lived in a Zionist atmosphere, felt comfortable among Jews and with Judaism. She was an American Jewish girl among American Jews There was also Israel and, though she never knew much about the Holocaust, she knew there were German Jews. What else was there to know about being Jewish?

Though she doesn't look old enough to be the mother of three — the eldest is nine years old — much less the serious psychologist about to complete her doctoral dissertation — everything is quietly under control. She is taking time out to explain how she was transformed from the "free, white and 21" kind of girl she was in New York, "when all that mattered was that I was a human being," to the dedicated woman who is co-chairman of the Hamilton UJWF women's division for whom raising money for Israel is of paramount importance.

It began when her elder brother returned from a trip to Europe. "He told me he had become Jewish. That was all he ever said. Except, when you go to Europe yourself, you will understand."

Two years later, in 1962, when she was 18, Bella also went to Europe. For four months she travelled alone but joined a three-week student tour to the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia.

Wandering about Moscow, she found herself standing in front of a synagogue. There are Jews here, she realized, but the only people she saw were an elderly couple who, frightened by her questions, quickly went away.

Suddenly, finding out about the Jews of Europe became the most important thing she had to do.

In Prague, she deliberately set out to find the old ghetto and was taken to the tiny synagogue. Here, for centuries, Jews had prayed and hoped, celebrated their weddings and mourned their dead, sung for joy and cried out in despair. Bella asked questions, pored over what records she could find, wandered about the cemetery and was shown the stain on the wall which marked the height of the bodies piled there during pogroms.

The synagogue became a symbol. "I don't want someone to come to the synagogue in Hamilton 500 years later and be told 'that was what was'!"

For the past six years, Bella has lived in Burlington with her husband David, a psychologist in the psychiatry department of McMaster University. Her work, the children and her home have kept her busy.

One day, during the Yom Kippur War, Sam Soifer, executive director of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, recalls, "she turned up in the office and asked: what can I do to help? She did any kind of job, for weeks after that, whatever needed doing. She never stopped and she's still working."

Since 1962 Bella has read a great deal about Jewish history and has also travelled to Israel. For her, the slogan "We Are One" has become very real. "If we are not one, the battle is lost."

Bella Streiner — Hamilton UJWF leader.

The boycott has nothing to do with Jewish firms: Arab Information Office

By RUTH KAHANE
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA —

A recent Arab Information Office press release discussing the boycott of Israel says Arab countries have been the target of a vicious campaign of false allegations and distortion of facts.

"The campaign is attempting to brainwash people into believing that what Arabs are doing in legitimate self-defence against aggression and for the sake of peace and justice is 'discrimination against the Jews'."

According to the release, the action is not against Jews, but "those invaders who have forcibly expelled the whole people of Palestine from their homeland in order to create the state of Israel."

It says the Arab boycott "has nothing to do with Jews or Jewish companies or banks and is simply designed to protect the legitimate interests of the Arab countries which have the right, in self-defence, to refuse trade with aggressors and supporters of aggression irrespective of their faith or ethnic origin."

Condemnation of the boycott is an "attempt to drag world Jewry into a new Zionist trap," it continues, and is "doomed to failure in view of the fact that the Arabs have never harbored any hatred to Jews, who are the followers of a world religion revered by all Arabs."

The release itemizes six facets of Israel's 'aggressive policy' — "— perpetuating the occupation of Arab territories and establishing military and para-military settlements thereon;

— continuing her "affront to humanity" by trying to annihilate the people of Palestine;

— grabbing the property of the Palestine people and natural resources in the occupied Arab territories;

— destroying whole villages and thousands of houses in the occupied Arab territories;

— violating international agreements including the Geneva Fourth Convention concerning the protection of civilians in the occupied territories;

— damaging invaluable historical and religious monuments and shrines in Arab land under her occupation."

According to the release, all Israeli action is "aggression" and "expansion" whereas all Arab action including the boycott is "only for the liberation of occupied Arab territories and the restoration of the usurped national rights of the Palestinian people."

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3,000 cards are mailed to Russians over Pesach

TORONTO —

Three thousand cards bearing a traditional Passover greeting along with the added words "We are with you" in Russian, have been sent to the Prisoners of Conscience in a campaign organized by the Toronto Women for Soviet Jewry.

Sold in packages of 50 cards, at 10 cents per card, each package contained a complete biography of every prisoner. Through the co-operation of organizations and synagogues, the cards were sent by volunteers.

Said the Women for Soviet Jewry: "While we in the free world celebrate the festival of Freedom which took place over 3,000 years ago, we must not forget the thousands of our brothers still wearing the yoke of slavery in the Soviet Union."

Anita Tyber and Lyla Schwartz, of the National Council of Jewish Women, reported that 300 cards were sent at a 'write-in' held by the Suburban Study Branch on March 11. An attempts by translator Jeanette Goldman to place a telephone call that same evening to Yuri Schechtman, in Kishinev, resulted in a frightening "Sorry, there is no answer at that number."

Students of the Community Hebrew Academy became more personally aware of their brothers across the world as their cards were written, and they discussed the people to whom each envelope was addressed. Another bond between student and Prisoner was created when the Temple Sinai Religious School sent 300 cards, and had their opportunity to talk about the Festival of Freedom with new knowledge.

"At our seders, when 'Maror in our Days' and the 'Matzoh of Hope' were recited, we remembered that across this world sits a family, just like any one of ours, praying for the safe return of a loved one," said women for Soviet Jewry.

Israel presents security proposals to ICAO Council

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL —

The world can be safer from air terror than it has ever been, if Israel's recent proposals to the International Civil Aviation Organization take effect.

The Israeli delegation, led by the Ambassador to Canada, Theodor Meron, presented a series of proposals to the ICAO council aimed at buttressing present air safety and security measures.

Meron told reporters that only a third of the proposals had been adopted and that all Israel can hope for is increased vigilance in the light of bazooka attacks on Orly airport earlier this year.

The ICAO council embodied some of Israel's recommendations in a letter sent to all members of the international body.

The letter calls upon ICAO member states to take all the steps necessary for implementing existing security provisions for civil aviation. It suggests that members "keep under review the effectiveness of existing security measures, particularly in relation to any new manifestation of the threat of civil aviation."

Authorities responsible for aviation security are asked to "exercise necessary vigilance in order to prevent acts of unlawful interference with civil aviation."

Meron said he felt "very positive" about the reception his delegation encountered during the council meetings, which took place between March 3 and 17 at ICAO headquarters here.

He said the council's refusal to act on certain key proposals did not discourage him. His delegation suggested legal steps that would strengthen extradition and prosecution procedures. Decisions such as having ICAO member-states refuse to sign bilateral air agreements with nations harboring or neglecting to prosecute air offenders could have "put teeth into ICAO's role," Meron said.

The adoption of such measures was obviated by the fact that Israel is not part of ICAO's 30-member council. Member-states, who, like Israel, do not sit on this council require a council delegate to sponsor their proposals. Not only did no council-member sponsor the Israeli suggestion for more stringent prosecution and extradition procedures, but, said Meron, "considerable opposition was expressed."

Several other Israeli proposals have been sent for consideration to the ICAO committee on unlawful interference.

These include:

— the establishment of security guards and patrols on the perimeters of international airports so as to prevent firing of long-range weapons;

— the adoption of new procedures for preventing the unauthorized access of persons and vehicles to vulnerable areas of airports;

— the control of access to spectator terraces;

— an ICAO security training program for member states as well as improved reporting procedures on acts of unlawful interference.

The Israeli embassy in Ottawa issued a statement calling the recent ICAO council activities "a measure of progress in an area in which ICAO leadership and guidance are vital."

Both the Hague convention, adopted in 1970 and the Montreal convention, voted through in 1971, provide for prosecution and extradition of offenders.

Meron explained that some member countries have not acceeded to these conventions and that no legal sanctions exist in ICAO to oblige them to do so.

Vancouver's Beth Israel Shul stages third music festival

VANCOUVER —

Beth Israel Congregation here mounted its third annual Festival of Jewish Music recently. The program ranged widely, with Israeli, Chassidic and folk music being performed.

According to **The Bulletin**, the spirited Beth Israel Choir sang well and its director Sol Pelman received outstanding ovations for his renderings of the soliloquy "A Dudele" ("Oh Lord where are you ...and where are you not") and for the fun-song "Yoshke".

Several choir members were featured in solos. Sari Corbin's voice was heard in "Geh Ich Mir Shpatziren," "Vu Is Dos Gesele," and 'Sha Shtil." She teamed up with Jean Cohen for a beautiful "Meine Yamen." Sandi White warmed the audience with "Finjan" and the lullaby "Yankele". Irene Gray had the gathering humming to the familiar lullaby "Oifn Pripechok."

The program began with a moment's standing silence in tribute to those murdered by terrorists in Israel. This was followed by the choir's versions of "U'vau Ha'Ovdim" ("And the exiles shall return to Jerusalem," and "Lach Y'rushalayim" ("To you Jerusalem we offer our hearts").

Adding to the program's success were the talented guest instrumentalists, violinists Reita Goldberg and Jack Shapiro, and pianist Michael Zaitzow.

Beth Israel president Dr. Arthur M. Hayes opened the program with greetings from the Congregation, and concluding remarks were made by B.I. vice-president Harry Woogman who thanked all those involved in the evening.

Protest Soviets' condition

TORONTO —

A protest demonstration featuring women dressed in black and wearing black mourning veils was held last Sunday, from 8:00 p.m. — 9:30 p.m., between performances of the Russian Balalaika Orchestra. It took place in front of Massey Hall, Shuter Street, Toronto. Sponsor of the event is the Toronto Group of 35, which believes in the right of each individual to live in the country of his choice.

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Egyptian intransigence to blame for breakdown of Kissinger mission

By any measure of fairness and justice, Israel cannot be faulted for the failure of the effort to reach a measure of accord with Egypt that would lead to peace. It was Israel, together with the United States, that co-sponsored the very idea of step-by-step diplomacy in face of the Egyptian's 26-year-long refusal to negotiate a comprehensive peace settlement.

It was Israel that, after the Yom Kippur War, agreed to a disengagement arrangement that lifted the siege of the trapped Third Army. It was Israel that volunteered to evacuate its forces from the salient captured on the western side of the Suez Canal. And it was Israel which agreed to pull back into Sinai.

Above all, it was Israel that had made a calculated decision not to press on to a decisive military defeat of the invading Egyptian Army that was days away. This decision was made for one central reason: to give the United States a chance to employ its diplomacy in the effort to move the relations between Israel and Egypt from war towards peace. That was the point of departure out of which emerged the conditions for the step-by-step diplomacy.

And it was Israel that was now again ready to make the tangible and far reaching concessions in full knowledge of the military risks involved, if only Egypt would take together with it the first step away from war towards the prospects of peace. This Egypt refused to do.

It must not be forgotten that Israel, offered to give up, among other concessions, the Mitla and the Gidi passes which are the key points of access through Sinai's western mountains to the sandy plain that reaches to Israel's borders proper, only 10 armor hours away on the ground. The one who holds those passes holds the key to Sinai — the classical battleground of the area.

What Israel asked in return was an Egyptian undertaking, not for peace but for an end to war as an instrument of policy. This Egypt refused to do and it was obvious days before the formal collapse of the Kissinger-Sadat talks, that Egypt was not going to be a serious partner in the purposes and goals of the step by step approach to peace.

What Egypt was demanding of Israel, in effect, was that it bow to a settlement that would weaken it strategically, and since for Egypt the aim of the exercise was essentially military, Israel had no recourse but to give due weight to its own military consideration. If then, even after an agreement, the option of war was still to be preserved by Egypt as an instrument of policy, Israel felt that, it, too, must preserve its own strategic assets for future defense.

But Israel persevered, offered new concessions that went far beyond its original intentions, all to no avail. It was this Egyptian intransigence, its refusal to grant anything resembling political substance that would indicate peaceful intent, and its transparent determination to use the talks for military strategic gains, that inevitably brought about the suspension of the negotiations.

Israeli skiers enjoy Golan Heights, but when will they ski in peace?

Warmer weather is approaching in Israel, but some intrepid Israelis are nevertheless trying to blot out the inevitable — the advent of scorching summer days.

In pursuit of this noble goal, thousands upon thousands of them have already journeyed to the so-called Israeli Alps, Mount Hermon, to partake in skiing and to wallow in the unaccustomed snow.

Captured from Syria during the Six Day War, Mount Hermon was initially developed as a ski resort in 1970 when the ministry of tourism installed a mile-long Austrian manufactured chairlift and cleared several trails. It was an immediate success. When the Yom Kippur War broke out, Mount Hermon became the scene of a series of bloody battles. Israel prevailed, but the artillery fire destroyed the chairlift and the service buildings at the base of the 9,000-foot mountain.

The facilities were repaired after the war, but the site remained off limits as long as Israeli and Syrian armies were locked in daily skirmishes. Hopes of opening the resort rose after the signing of the troop disengagement accord, but it was not until January that it was finally reopened.

Recently, with machine-guns clattering and with Israeli jets streaking across the sky, one skiier, Juan Holz, reportedly exclaimed: "Don't worry about it. If the fighting's important, we'll read about it in the paper. If not, why lose good skiing time?"

Industry Minister Chaim Bar Lev skis with his daughter on Mount Hermon. (IPPA)

Juan Holz's flippant manner (which many of his fellow countrymen invariably display) is a tribute to his lively frame of mind and to his fortitude. Unfortunately, it is also an indication of his fatalism and resignation in the face of continuous conflict. One asks oneself when Juan Holz and his Semitic neighbors across the border will be able to enjoy the benefits of Mount Hermon without the sound of jets and the whine of artillery.

Let's start doing something about alienated Jewish youth in our midst

By RUTH GOLDSMITH

Everybody talks about the problem of turned-off Jewish youth, but not too many people are doing much about it.

Research conducted by Bernard and Marjorie Baskin published in the July 5, 1974 issue of **The Canadian Jewish News**, revealed some sobering statistics. According to the Canadian census of 1971, there will be fewer Jews in the future due to a falling birth-rate; and 25% of us will intermarry.

Perhaps we should try to worry less about our differences in dogma, and to care more about our younger people. Financially, socially, intellectually, they will soon constitute the major segment of our community. And it is in this group that the greatest erosion is taking place.

Young Jews have more options open to them than their parents knew existed 10 or 15 years ago. They will not be dazzled by dinners, titillated by teas, or flattered by fanciful phrases. They want, and have a right to expect, a viable alternative, a communal life that is real, that is valid, and above all, relevant to the changing realities of Jewish life.

But a few brave souls are trying to reach out to young Jews in terms they understand and in ways they appreciate. For example, B'nei Akiva and the National Conference of Synagogue Youth meet at various synagogues. The programs include Sabbath and festival celebrations to coffee parties, Torah study sessions and folk singing evenings.

Another welcome innovation is the creation of a drop-in centre for Jewish youth at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. This serves a vital need, because it reaches out to young people who may not be affiliated, who do not attend Jewish schools and who may well have no connection with Jewish life of any kind.

The centre provides all young Jews in Toronto with an atmosphere in which to relax, socialize or study. There is no financial or religious obligation — just a feeling of being welcome, of being accepted the way they are.

It is ventures such as this that give rise to the hope that the so-called Jewish "establishment" is aware that something is wrong and that they are prepared to try to do something constructive about it.

In times of grave crises and uncertainty such as those we are now experiencing, it is understandable to think and plan in terms of the millions of dollars needed to maintain our community institutions and to support Israel; and to forget about the few thousand that might tip the scales between a mediocre community 10 or 12 years from now, and one that is notable and thriving.

Let's quit talking about the problems of youth and start doing something about it.

Mrs. Goldsmith is a Toronto journalist.

Arab and Israeli come together in a moment of friendship before the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem. (Jacob El-Baz photo)

Only peace can stop anguish suffered so much by mothers

By JERRY FAIVISH

One incident happened 31 years ago during the Holocaust, the other occurred during the Yom Kippur War. Yet in a sense they are both the same, for both revolve around and reflect the personal suffering of war. They are the memories of mothers who have lost their children. Here are their stories.

This mother frequently has nightmares. She still wakes up in the middle of the night shaking, sweating and screaming. She is running and running, but the Gestapo is getting closer. How much and how far can a woman with a child run? The Nazis finally catch her and when they do, they tear the child away from the protective, clutching arms. She can't forget that recurring picture and she won't. Another dozen children couldn't replace the one she lost. But there are no more.

When she thinks of the German's barbaric actions, she remembers her own reactions of over 30 years ago. When the Gestapo took the baby from her arms, the child began to cry. Afraid of what the Nazis might do to her daughter, she slapped her so that she would be quiet. That is how mother and daughter parted — with a smack. She can't forget and she can't forgive herself. It tortures her. "What if my daughter thought it happened because I was angry with her." She can't forget and still can't forgive herself.

Another mother's son fell during the Yom Kippur War. Its been over a year since he died. But something was bothering her. Something in her subconscious thoughts tortured her. What was it? What was it that was lurking in the back of her mind and slowly destroying her?

One 'nightmare' revealed it all. She remembered the last time she saw her son. It was a week before the war. This was supposed to be his last furlough before the completion of his three years of compulsory service. In two weeks he was to return to a normal civilian life — and he wanted to celebrate with his friends. So he asked his parents if he could borrow the car. For whatever reason, they wouldn't give it to him.

An argument followed and ended with parents telling their son in a moment of anger: "Leave, we don't want to see you again." They never did. That is how mother and son parted. Now she feels she cursed her son and caused his death. She also can't forget or forgive herself.

The names of these two mothers have not been revealed, for there is no need to. Their pain, and their past and present recollection of it is universal and is endured by all mothers in similar positions. What can console these mothers? Their children have already died, so what more can they do but hope for worldwide peace so other mothers might not have to suffer such deep anguish as theirs.

Jerry Faivish is a second year Osgoode Hall law student.

Auschwitz a monument against Fascism but death camps hardly mention Jews

By JACK COPELOVICI

Auschwitz today is a very clean and well-manicured place, complete with hotel and souvenir shops. All blocks, with the exception of one, have been made into displays.

In fact, that is the biggest problem one has to grapple with in Auschwitz — that it all happened here.

Each block has a different theme: bunkhouses, Nazi "medical" experiments on inmates, or the pitiful camp hospital. There are displays of human hair, artificial limbs, clothing and others, all behind glass cases in well-lit, clean rooms. Even the bunks of the former inmates have been cleaned-up and somehow changed from items of horror into items of interest.

Only Block 11, the so-called "Death-Block", remains as it was found. This block contains the torture cells, starvation cells and suffocation cells. Adjoining it is the "Wall of Death," where an estimated 20,000 people were shot.

The ovens have been preserved, and like everything else, they have been cleaned-up and ornated with flowers and candles.

Each block contains halls with pictures of the former inmates. From the information on them, the average lifespan of an inmate in the camp was around three months. As one walks down a corridor, one has the impression that hundreds of eyes are staring at him and following him as he walks.

The streets are very clean and the lawns well-kept. Instead of screams and yells, there is only silence.

About three kms. from Auschwitz is Birkenau. While Auschwitz is really quite small in area, Birkenau is huge, about 40 sq. kms. of closely spaced blocks.

The Polish government has not been as meticulous in dressing-up Birkenau as it has Auschwitz. Before they fled, the SS destroyed many of the blocks as well as all of the crematoria and gas chambers. However, many of the blocks still remain as they were found. They are divided-up by high barbed-wire fences which were electrified. A common means of suicide was simply to go over and touch the wire.

Inside a block one can still find the bunks of the inmates. An average "bed" consisted of a wooden plank, about the size of four kitchen tables. No pillows or blankets. About 12 people would sleep on this. There are tens of bunks in each block. Even though the day was a fairly warm one, inside it was chilly. One can only guess at what the winters were like.

There are train tracks in the camp which run the length of the camp, all the way from the front gate to the back, stopping at a platform. This was the sorting platform. Those chosen to work went to the right and those chosen to be instantly gassed were sent to the left. Today there is a monument there, commemorating the 4.5 million who died in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

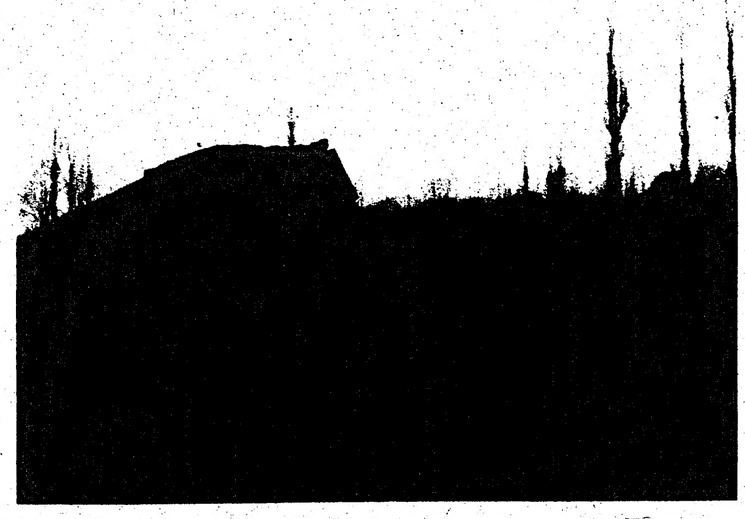
Right behind this monument are the skeletons of what were the gas chambers and crematoria. It is possible to see that the Nazis built the tracks with the main purpose of getting as close to the gas chambers as possible. One can still hear train whistles from afar, and it is a very eerie sound when you are on the platform.

There is very little mention about Jews anywhere. The literature at the souvenir stands mentions them as a minor side-point. The monument in Birkenau commemorates the Polish and other peoples' struggles against Fascism. The only truly Jewish memorial is a block in Auschwitz that is dedicated to Jewish resistance, and that, curiously enough, was closed.

The whole Auschwitz-Birkenau complex has been made into a monument by the Polish government against Fascism in general. Many Polish groups are brought here on tours and do not hear a word about Jews.

In fact, only the silence in the camps allows one to sense what really went on here. It is a suffocating type of silence, and it is the only really tangible thing about the camps.

Mr. Copelovici is a Toronto student who recently visited Auschwitz – Birkenau in Poland.



Visiting Auschwitz in Poland recently, Jack Copelovici photographed the remains of a gas chamber. Toronto's Community Warsaw Ghetto Uprising memorial assembly is April 6.

Aliyah crisis is difficult to resolve

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

JERUSALEM [AJPA] —

The term "aliyah crisis" is coming into increasingly frequent use in the Israeli vocabulary. But it doesn't always mean the same thing. To Jewish Agency officials, in particular Jewish Agency Chairman Pinchas Sapir, it means the alarming drop in aliyah figures, which show no signs as yet of recovering from the 35% decrease estimated during the first half of 1974.

To Israelis, who have recently received the news of an anticipated 60,000 olim from the Soviet Union within the next year, it means a longer waiting period for housing. Young couples will once again have to stand aside to make room for the new immigrants.

To Western immigrants, it has a completely different connotation. Their crisis is the decision whether to stay or to return to their countries of origin. This applies particularly to American immigrants who cannot cope with Israeli bureaucracy and the radical change in living standards. But their major problem is that they cannot forget that they are Americans.

The majority live in immigrant areas where they fraternize with people from English-speaking countries. They obtain employment in jobs where they have to use a minimum of Hebrew. They attend English language lectures and seminars...and then wonder why they are not being accepted by Israelis.

Many such immigrants are renting out their apartments and returning home — some on temporary basis; others for keeps.

But the most important determination in whether an immigrant stays or not is the security of housing and employment. There are currently 15,000 families who do not have permanent housing. This number will increase radically with the new influx of immigrants from Russia.

Despite promises made by the Jewish Agency and the ministry of housing, the end of the housing problem appears to be nowhere in sight. European contractors have been brought in to build prefabricated dwellings in record time, but these are tantamount to instant slums.

Nonetheless, Israel still maintains that she wants a minimum of 100,000 immigrants per year. As Harry Rosen, advisor to the chairman of the Jewish Agency explains it, "You have to understand what numbers mean to Israel. In Europe, a country's neighbors are its natural markets from the point of view of pure economics. Israel has to manufacture for a small market at home and must compete on world markets with industrial giants. We need skilled people to manufacture things to sell abroad to get foreign currency. Because Israel is a country with very few natural resources, we have to import raw materials, process them, and re-export them. The moment you say 'process', you need skill — and that goes beyond ordinary manual labor. The only way we can get skills is to import them via aliyah."

Rosen notes that 46% of the breadwinners amongst immigrants from Russia are academics, and that their skills have already been put to productive use.

He sees the crisis in aliyah in yet a different light. "The crisis in aliyah is evident when someone suggests that maybe we should stop aliyah for the time being for fear of having non-productive people."

Rosen negates this viewpoint, claiming that even though people may be non-productive they are still consumers, by virtue of the fact that they have to eat. Therefore, by contributing to the demand, they are increasing job possibilities for others.

Which ever way one cares to look at it, the aliyah crisis cannot be resolved until there is full employment in the country; until everyone is adequately housed (which includes rehousing those families living four people to a room) and until the Israeli no longer feels that the new immigrant is getting a better deal than the Sabra.

ask the rabbi

Differences explained over Shiur, D'Var Torah

1. Is there a difference between a D'var Torah and a Shiur?

A Shiur is a lecture or discourse, taking some time (the word means "amount", i.e., a limited time). A D'var Torah (literally, "a word of Torah') is a short comment.

2. What is the minimum distance that a person should be intending to travel before reciting the prayer on undertaking a journey?

The Shulchan Aruch (Orach Chayyim 110:7) rules that the minimum distance is one parasang, a Persian mile, about 4,000 yards.

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Praise for our ancestors

'Our fathers once made clothes for all Canada'

By J.B. SALSBERG

[Another tale for the Canadian Haggadah]

Now that you drank your first cup of wine, fill your cup again (but do not drink) and we will recite a further chapter of our forefathers' trials and achievements on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, on the shores of Lake Ontario and along the Red river, in the land of Canada, to which they came from the unhappy and unfriendly countries of Eastern Europe.

In their new homes our fathers became butchers, bakers and candlestick makers. But above all trades and occupations they became clothing workers. In the thousands our men and women, young and old, gravitated into the shops that made men's clothing, ladies wear of every variety, hats, furs and even suspenders. Why did this happen? There were good reasons for it.

Though many of our early forerunners were without trades or special skills, a considerable number of them did bring specialized experiences from "the old country." The larges number of those who came with trades were "shneider", tailors—makers of clothing, which had been largely in Jewish hands in the towns and shtetlech of Eastern Europe. When such a Jewish tradesman arrived he sought and eventually found work in one or another section of the clothing industry. When a landsman or kinsman arrived, the earlier immigrant would strive to get him into his shop. And so their numbers in that industry multiplied again and again.

There was another reason for the rapid increase of Jews in the garment trades. It was the nature of the economics of that industry. No big capital investment was required in those days to become either a contractor or a manufacturer. A few sewing machines, a heavy press-iron, a few tables and you were in business. The contractor would be given the essential materials already cut and he would assume full responsibility for completing the product and returning it to the manufacturer.

What happened was that small units of production sprang up in cramped and unsanitary spaces in old buildings, in attics, in cellars, in unused stables in the rear of houses and in private homes. The contractor undertook to do the work for less than it cost the manufacturer in his own factory and he, in turn, sought to make a profit by paying less than the established producers paid to the workers. The result was, of course, a merciless undercutting of prices paid to the workers so that many of our early immigrants were obliged to "take-out" bundles of work to complete at home during the evenings and weekends, with the aid of his wife and children.

The garment industry, which had been notoriously low in the wage and working conditions scale long before the Jews entered it, now became even worse. The "sweat shop" and the "black sack" (in which work was carried home) had arrived. It was the time when tuberculosis, or "consumption," as Jews called that dreaded scourge, was quite widespread and was often referred to as "the workingmen's disease."

And so, as the Haggadah would relate, our ancestors groaned under the burden and yearned for relief and liberation. But since relief did not come and since their numbers grew manifold, there arose men and women among them — and especially among their kinsmen and brothers-in-misery in the big land to the south of Canada — who said: "Let us get together, we who suffer, and form one big family and we shall call each other brothers and sisters and we shall succeed in driving all evil and suffering out of our midst."

And some of those who rose from among the men and women (for there were as many women as men involved) said: "Have courage, for we who have been nought shall be all."

And others said: "What we want is just, we ask for a fair day's pay for a fair day's work." And still others from among the new spokesmen said: "We have nothing to lose but our chains — and a whole world to gain." And many of our ancestors, listening to the new spokesmen among them, liked what they heard and they said: "Let us follow these people, for our troubles are, indeed, grievous."

And thus there arose unions and strikes in the camps of our immigrant forefathers in Montreal and in Toronto and even as far west as Winnipeg. And divisions emerged in each of our encampments. And this rift inside of their camps extended to the Landsmanshaften and Sick Benefit Societies that they had established and even into the synagogues which they had formed earlier when all were, more or less, on the same level. And there was much discord at their gatherings and assemblies. One cried: "Anarchists, socialists, I took you in, gave you jobs and now you want to destroy me!" Others replied with passion: "We made you rich and now you are trying to starve us into submission and slavery again!"

Then there arose poets, storytellers, journalists, singers of songs and performers on the stage who defended the downtrodden and who sang of their sufferings and their longings, who portrayed their misery and who encouraged them to follow in the footsteps of their fathers of old, in the land of Egypt, who escaped from bondage.

And our fathers liked what they heard and they, even the lowly among them, became armed with courage and excelled in battle beyond expectation and they succeeded in removing much that was bad and harmful and to put in its place much that was good and beneficial.

So let us now all rise and raise our filled second cup of wine and sing the praises of our ancestors, the early immigrants to Canada who became the makers of the clothing for all Canadians, from Cape Breton on the Atlantic coast to Vancouver Island on the Pacific. Lechayim!

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger visits the Masada hilltop fortress which served as a stronghold for 960 Jewish rebels fighting Roman forces in 73 A.D. Archeologist Yigal Yadin, who led the excavations of Masada in the early 60's, describes how Jews chose to commit mass suicide rather than surrender. (Religious News Service photo)

Germany displays her 'balanced' policy as Israel endeavors to adjust to changes

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Ten years ago, when the first West German ambassador to Israel, Rolf Pauls arrived in Jerusalem to present his diplomatic credentials to the president, he was greeted by a torrent of abuse from Israeli demonstrators. Memories of the ugly past, deeply ingrained in the hearts and minds of far too many Israelis, made this emotional reaction all but inevitable.

Passions have subsided in the intervening years and with it has come the realization in Jerusalem that Israel and West Germany, who became fast friends, are no longer bound to each other by the so-called "special relationship" which enraged the Arabs and befuddled many Israelis.

Ten years after Rolf Paul's tumultuous arrival in the Jewish state, West Germany, Israel's most important trading partner after the U.S. and Britain, has proclaimed to the world that her interests do not necessarily coincide with those of Israel. The reason for this can be summarized in one explosive word: oil. In pursuit of Arab petroleum — and Arab markets — Bonn has adopted what its spokesmen call a "balanced" policy — a policy that upholds Israel's sovereignty and respects the Arabs' economic clout.

Bonn's new policy began to take shape under the stewardship of Chancellor Willy Brandt but gained impetus during the Yom Kippur War. And it found its expression in West Germany's stiff protest to Washington after it was revealed that several Israeli ships flying the Mogen David had loaded U.S. tanks and other heavy equipment in the port of Bremerhaven. The disclosure, which caused something of a storm in Israel and throughout the West, is not merely an irrelevant historical footnote. Its implications may very well affect the outcome of a fifth Arab-Israeli war if one occurs, and have a great bearing on the evolving German-Israeli relationship.

Although it is generally assumed that West Germany would tolerate such shipments as long as they remained secret, it is still a fact that official circles in Jerusalem are deeply worried about Bonn's attitude in the event of another war in the Middle East. Reflecting the views of the foreign ministry, **The Jerusalem Post** recently addressed itself to the whole painful question of German-Israeli relations: "The basic hope and belief must be that in a time of grave crisis, German statesmen would rise above the considerations of immediate oil-expediency."

Whatever appeal these convoluted arguments may have in Israel, they are probably regarded as somewhat unrealistic in a Germany, which is struggling to free herself of her massive guilt complex springing from the Holocaust. Oil, not sentiment, fuels a dynamic economy. And the Germans, in less blunt language, are trying to convey this point of view to the Israelis.

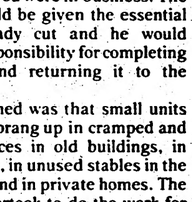
For example: The former minister of state at the foreign ministry was quoted as saying that "relations with states are never of a special kind... The particularity of our relationship (with Israel-parenteer's is that there is a big entanglement from past guilt on our side... But this has nothing to do with the general situation of interests." The Secretary-General of the Free Democratic Party, Martin Bangemann, recently told a meeting that West Germany's "special relationship" with Israel has become obsolete and should be replaced with a more practical policy. In a significant aside, Bangemann said that Bonn's moral obligation to maintain special ties "based on the past was inadequate and fragile."

As if to place his stamp of approval on their comments, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt declared that West Germany's "special relationship" with Israel is now a remnant of history. "It has changed. If there has been a special relationship with Israel it was not so nice... I am talking about the general mood of the public's mind in Israel towards Germany. It has become much more normalized..."

And indeed, this West German drift toward normalizing her relations with Israel was recently demonstrated when Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon paid a state visit to Bonn. His counterpart, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, said his country's "balanced" policy was understood and accepted by Israel because it was more effective than a partisan one. According to political observers, Allon's visit, the first by an Israeli foreign minister since 1970, was satisfactory to both sides and did much to clear up the recrimination occasioned by the Munich massacre of Israeli athletes in 1972.

Despite its 50 years, Hebrew University was a dream that men had back in 1902

Landmark Events In Our History



By ROCHELLE CARR

The distinguished guests began to assemble in the amphitheatre on Mount Scopus. For the People of the Book, this day would henceforth be a memorable date in Jewish history. It was April 1, 1925, the day in which the Hebrew University was formally dedicated.

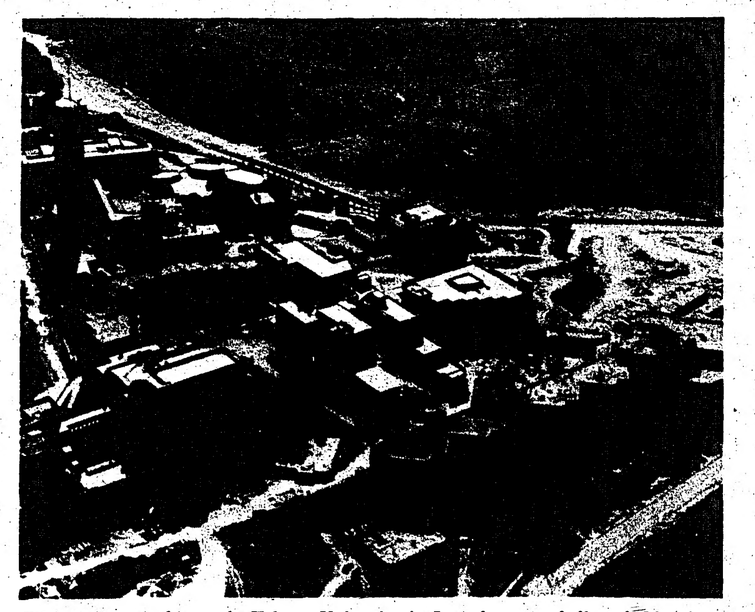
While Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who presided at the opening ceremony, listened to the inaugural address given by Lord Balfour, his mind wandered to events that set the stage for this day.

In 1902 the idea for a Jewish institution of higher learning was presented and was later passed at the 11th Zionist Congress in 1913. Negotiations were begun to purchase land on Mount Scopus. On July 24, 1918, Weizmann laid the cornerstone of the university.

Then, seven years later (three research centres had already been begun), while the guests made their way to an afternoon reception, the only topic of discussion was the future growth of the university on Mount Scopus. Indeed, it would grow, between 1925 and 1948, from a faculty of 33 to 190 and a student body of 164 to 1,027.

Then came the announcement by the United Nations of the partition of Palestine. The next several months saw the deaths of many doctors, nurses, students and professors who attempted to make their way to Mount Scopus.

On April 13, 1948, the university was forced to suspend its activities. Eventually, Jordanian troops occupied the road to the university and despite a later promise of free access to its learning facilities, for 19 years, the buildings could only be occupied by Israeli guards who, if the Jordanians permitted, were relieved of duty every fortnight in the presence of United Nations troops.



Fifty years ago this week, Hebrew University in Jerusalem was dedicated. Idea for a Jewish institution of higher learning first arose at the 11th Zionist Congress in 1913.

Saddened but undeterred, the Israelis continued to teach and learn under makeshift conditions until a new campus began to take shape at Givat Ram and Ein Karem.

Then in the Six Day War, the Israelis captured the road and secured the area around Mount Scopus. On June 9, 1967, the **Jerusalem Post** ran the following article:

"'Egged' Co-operative in Jerusalem yesterday renewed the route of Number 9 Bus Line to Mount Scopus after a break of 19 years... The number was not given to any other bus line in Jerusalem in the hope of resuming the bus line to Mount Scopus some day...Avraham Ferrara drove the first bus which went to Mount Scopus yesterday. His father was killed in 1948 by an Arab bullet while driving a bus on this same line."

Number nine bus poignantly illustrated the persistence of the People of the Book to never let the light of learning be extinguished.

'A Jew should be kind to everyone and be prepared to make sacrifices'

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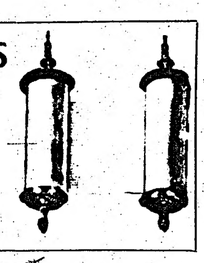

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Shemini/ Mevorchim Rosh Chodesh Iyar.

Hu asher diber Hashem laymor be-e'krovy ekodyash...through them that are closest to Me will I be sanctified...

It's nice to enjoy the good life, but you can't become a **talmid chochom** on the back nine of a golf course or playing poker in a sauna — you have to be ready to sacrifice...

The father of the saintly Yitzchok Isaac of Komarner would become so absorbed in Torah study that he went days without eating — or taking care of his family. Once the Young Isaac cried that he was hungry. His father began teaching a mishneh to the boy according to the interpretation of the holy mystics — but the youngster was still starving. Finally, the father told him to go next door to the neighbor for some food. The boy was surprised, because he knew how stingy the neighbor was, but he went anyway.

On the neighbor's doorstep, he met an old Gentile who saw how famished the child was, and insisted the boy take a little "scnops" and eat some bread until he was revived. "Only when I grew up did I realize," the saint later said, "that the old Gentile was really the Prophet Elijah who appeared in the merit of the Mishneh we studied. (Sipuray Chassidim)

But even tzadikim have their bad days. Take Aaron, for example... On the day he was appointed High Priest, Moses called him to a meeting with a group of zekaynim — elders — and told him he had to make atonement for having made the Golden Calf. But it's strange... Moses was always so careful about the feelings of others, why didn't he speak to Aaron privately so he shouldn't feel ashamed in front of the others? But Moses told Aaron: "Listen, I know your a little embarrased in front of the others, but the truth is that the embarrassment is good for you... It's a kaparah, and takes away part of the anger the Ribono shel Olam felt..." (Rabaynu Ephraim)

Sometimes our worst enemies do us the biggest favor...How? If one Jew says something insulting or embarrasing to another, and the other person holds back and doesn't respond in kind, it is considered a very precious thing in the eyes of the Ribono shel Olam — because he has sacrificed his anger for the sake of achdus Yisroel, the oneness of Israel... (Nachman of Braslav)

But even a saint can wonder how much sacrifice is neccesary... On the same day Aaron's two sons — Nadav and Avihu — were so hot to serve the Almighty, they entered the Holy of Holies without permission where they died instantly. But is it fair even if they made a mistake, why should they be punished so severly? But it shows what a mitzvah is... When Nadav and Avihu died, it wasn't because they were bad. But when a Jew serves G—d, he has to cast all the worries and pleasures of this world aside, and attach himself completely to the Ribono shel Olam... They tell of certain tzadimim who would say goodbye to their wives and families before they would stand up to daven the Shmoneh Esray — in case they didn't "come back..." But what keeps a Jew alive? Because when he does a mitzvah which is the will of the almighty, the mitzvah gives a Jew a new life. But poor Nadav and Avihu acted on their own, and they got only a "one way ticket" — to the Ribino shel Olam, but not back... (Sefat Emes)

But the best tickets go to those who care about others. One of the birds the Torah said was not kosher was the "chassidah." Why is it called that? Because "it does kindness (chessed) to her friends..." But it's strange — such a nice bird that does favors shouldn't be kosher? But the answer is that she only does favors for her friends, while a Jew should be kind to everyone, friend or not...

Shabbat Shalom.

Please note our Sparks from the Torah TV schedule: Metro Cable, Mondays at 7:30, Wednesdays at 5; York Cable, Tuesdays at 8; Willow Downs Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30; Keable Cable, Thursdays at 8.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

A group of Japanese men and women march through the streets of Jerusalem singing Israeli songs in Hebrew. They belong to the Japanese Makuya sect which is sympathetic to Israel. Several times a year members of the sect visit Israel. They pray at the Western Wall and parade with their banners and Israeli flags. (IPPA)

CHAI STUDY SERIES

The April Chai Study Series, presented by the Centre for Creative Living begins today, April 4, with a lecture on **Jews of North Africa** by Arthur Grant, Holy Blossom Temple youth activities director. The series continues for the next three Fridays — April 11, **What Makes a Jewish Composer** by Srul Glick, Beth Tikvah Choir music director; April 18, **The Bal Shem Tov and Elijah of Vilna** by Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, and April 25, **The Holiday of Shavuot and the Book of Ruth** by Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive-director, Board of Jewish Education. All lectures are at 1 p.m. at the centre, 4700 Bathurst St.

HADASSAH MEETING

The director of the Women's Bureau of the federal Department of Labor, Sylva Gelber, is to be guest speaker at Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's spring meeting Monday, April 7, at 8:15 p.m. at Temple Sinai.

MONTE CARLO

The Crusade Against Leukemia, a group of 145 volunteers, is holding a **Monte Carlo Saturday, April 5, at the Inn** on the Park, to raise funds for medical research. There will be games of chance, a buffet dessert, and lots of door prizes. The time is 8:30 p.m.

ART AUCTION

Another Saturday, April 5, event is Adath Israel Synagogue's art auction with a selection of oils, water colors, graphics and sculptures to fit everyone's budget. The auction is being prepared by Jean Richards Gallery of Englewood, N.J. Viewing time is 8 p.m. and the auction begins at 9 p.m. at the synagogue.

DANCE FOR YOUTH ALIYAH

Also on Saturday, the 5th, in celebration of Israel's 27th Independence Day, Leah Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is having a cocktail-dinner dance at Temple Sinai, beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds go to Youth Aliyah. For tickets call 781-8261.

FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

A live performance of the children's TV show, **Polka Dot Door**, is being sponsored by Gila Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO, in co-operation with the Ontario Educational Communications Authority, on Sunday, April 6, at Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College. Showtimes are 1 and 3:30 p.m. For advance tickets call 491-6465 or 226-3142.

EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Keynote speaker at the annual education conference of the Ontario Region, United Synagogue of America, being held Sunday, April 6, at Adath Israel Synagogue, will be Rabbi Elias Charry, Philadelphia, Pa. Rabbi Charry, co-author of the widely-used text, **The Eternal People**, will deal with **Philosophy and Methodology of Teaching History and Social Studies in Hebrew School.** The conference is from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. At the Melaveh Malkah, sponsored by the organization's education commission on Saturday, the 5th, Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive-director, Board of Jewish Education, will discuss **The Maaseh as an Educational Tool.**

Irwin and Betty Kliger donate library to BTJ

JERUSALEM — Led by Eric Exton, national president of Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem, a 150-man contingent of fellow Canadians tripped to Boys Town in Jerusalem to attend the dedication of a library donated by Irwin and Betty Kliger of Toronto. The library perpetuates the memory of their son Billy, who recently passed away at the age of 16. Rabbi David Monson, spiritual leader of Beth Sholom Synagogue and newly elected president of the ZOC, delivered the dedicatory address.

Youngsters of the Junior High School at BTJ received the Kliger Family and guests with an enthusiastic ovation. In an emotion-packed ceremony, Mrs. Kliger cut the ribbon to officially inaugurate the library in which a life-size portrait of Billy was displayed.

The occasion also served as an opportunity to dedicate the Dr. Ronald Feld Infirmary in the Boys Town medical and dental wing. The late Dr. Feld was a prominent young Toronto physicians who in recent years devoted himself to the cause of Syrian Jewry. The project bearing his name was initiated by his son Alan, who donated the gifts he received on his Bar Mitzvah to commemorate his father's name at Boys Town Jerusalem. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leve, parents of Dr. Feld's wife, Judy, represented the family.

A perpetual scholarship Fund was inaugurated by the family and friends of the late Mickey Dlin, an active and devoted leader in the Boys Town cause in western Canada.

The Canadian Friends, two years since its inception under the leadership of Exton, has succeeded in marshalling support for Boys Town from across Canada. Committees in major cities raise scholarship funds for the needy students and promote the Boys Town concept of developing citizens able to meet the challenges in Israel's future.

Standing below a portrait of Billy during the dedication ceremony of the Billy Kliger Library at Boys Town Jerusalem are (from left): Mrs. Eric Exton, Max Kliger, Rabbi David Monson, Arnold Kliger, Myra Kliger, Eric Exton, national president of the Canadian Friends; Mrs. Irwin Kliger, Risa Kliger and Irwin Kliger.

Economics lecturer analyzes the fiscal situation in Israel

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO — The situation in Israel continues to necessitate government spending to be greater than the country's Gross National Product. In addition, the inflation rate in Israel last year was 56%, as compared to 12% in Canada.

These were some of the facts presented by Professor Noah Meltz, associate chairman of the department of political economy at the University of Toronto at a Middle East seminar last week at Holy Blossom Temple, sponsored by the temple's social action committee.

Sharing the podium with Meltz in a discussion on social and economic problems in Israel were Shmuel Ovnat, Israeli consul general in Toronto, and Dr. Eliezer Jaffe, a social worker and sociologist at Hebrew University and presently visiting professor at Cleveland State University.

Meltz explained Israel's present economic situation in light of the last two wars. He said that after the Six Day War there was a tremendous boom in capital inflow and aliyah, particularly by North Americans who brought assets with them. As a result, unemployment plummeted from a previous 10% to 3% by 1973.

On the other hand, he noted the Yom Kippur War caused people to be taken into the army for a lot longer, not from the unemployed but from jobs. As well, the fact that foodstuffs were hoarded did not help the situation any.

Meltz observed that as inflation increases it becomes cheaper to import, which puts pressure on the Israeli economy to generate more exports to offset the increase in imports. Also, the production of military goods does not cause a growth factor in the economy the way the production of consumer goods does.

In his lecture, Jaffe pointed out some of the social problems the country faces. "We are in the middle of the task of reconstructing the Third Commonwealth. That is why we call it 'the ingathering of the exiles'," he said.

Ovnat stressed that Israel must not lose sight of the fact that "basically we are in the business of survival in Israel." He agreed that Israel has not looked upon its social problems the way it would have liked because of the urgency of other matters.

"The business of survival has been going on for 27 years. Nevertheless, we have made much progress. We have also made mistakes too. For example, in order to absorb so many people we had to use methods that caused inflation," he said.

On Passover Eve

Police break up service

TORONTO — On the eve of Passover, Soviet police entered Moscow's central synagogue, broke up the service and repeated the performance the following day, according to a report received by the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry.

This violation of the freedom to worship, as guaranteed by the Soviet Constitution, drew strong protests from David Satok, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, and Rabbi Allan Langner, chairman of the National Religious Affairs Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Said Satok: "All free people who uphold the right of religious freedom for everyone must strongly object to and condemn the deplorable actions of the Soviet police who violated this inalienable right by breaking up the services in the Moscow synagogue. We protest against the Soviet Government which condones and allows this denial of rights to its Jewish citizens, and its attempts to repress religious expression."

Rabbi Langner said what happened at the Service in the Moscow synagogue was a direct threat to all religious faiths and to religious expression as such. He voiced "deepest sorrow and concern over this repulsive violation of freedom of worship," and called on the Soviet Union to desist from further suppression of religious observances.

The CCSJ also denounced the sentence of five years in exile meted out to Mark Nashpitz and Boris Tsitlionok for taking part in a public demonstration last month. Both were seeking to emigrate to Israel.

Terming the sentence "a mockery of justice," chairman Satok said the trial of the Soviet Jewish activists was a fraud, with no witnesses for the defence being permitted to testify. No reporters, friends or relatives were allowed entry to the courtroom.

Toronto Lodge to seat officers

TORONTO — On Sunday evening, April 6th, Toronto Lodge, the oldest unit of B'nai B'rith in Toronto, will hold its annual installation of officers at 471 Lawrence Avenue, West.

Philip E. Band will be inducted as president for the ensuing year, along with the elected slate of officers and trustees.

The evening will also feature the presentation of the Man-of-the-Year award to Gordon Segall, for outstanding service in many facets of B'nai B'rith activity.

The guest speaker will be Rabbi David Monson, who has just returned from Israel where he was elected new president of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

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Anita Direnfeld

On Tuesday, April 8, Toronto Council of B'nai B'rith Women will have a new president. That's the date of the installation dinner when **Anita Direnfeld** officially becomes head of the 18 local BB women's chapters. A past president of **Sha'aron Chapter**, part-time model, full-time mother of two, and actively involved in numerous other community organizations, she succeeds **Sharon Mann** as council president. Vice-presidents **Fran Axmith, Gloria Clamen** and **Molly Friedman** will also be installed at the dinner taking place at Adath Israel Synagogue.

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The saying goes — like father like son, but when **John Phillips** was called to the bar a couple of weeks ago, the relationship was taken one step further. The third generation Phillips to enter the legal profession, John follows in the footsteps of his grandfather, **Nathan Phillips**, former mayor of all the people, who has been a lawyer since 1913, and his father **Howard Phillips**, former Toronto alderman, who graduated in 1948.

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Rabbi Allan Langner has received word from his alma mater, the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, that he is going to be honored at a special convocation April 20. A degree of doctor of divinity, honoris causa, will be conferred upon the Montreal rabbi — he's spiritual leader of Beth-El Congregation there — at the academic convocation opening the 75th anniversary convention of the Rabbinic Assembly at Grossingers, N.Y. A rabbi for more than 25 years, 15 of them with Beth-El, Rabbi Langner is also chairman of the National Religious Affairs Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.

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What more fitting tribute in recognition of the tremendous contribution made by **Meyer W. Gasner** to the Canadian Jewish community than a scholarly discussion on Jewish survival. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue's Adult Institute, together with Congress Central Region and Canadian Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization, is offering the opportunity for such discussion by presenting the first annual Meyer W. Gasner Memorial Lecture at the synagogue on Wednesday, April 9, at 8:15 p.m. In Toronto to deliver this inaugural lecture will be **Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein**, Rosh Hayeshiva of Yeshivat Har Etzion in Israel. The rabbi (he's the son-in-law of renowned Halachic scholar Horav Hagoan **Joseph Soloveitchik**) is a Yeshiva University graduate who served as head of the Kollel of the Yeshiva and as professor of English at Stern College for Women as well, before making aliyah to Israel.

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Although she is only 23, **Renee Beranbaum** is no stranger to the Toronto art scene. While still a student at York University (she graduated in fine arts last year) she was awarded an Ontario Society of Artists Purchase Award. Her vibrantly colored silkscreens have been exhibited about town and today, April 4, her first one-woman show opens at Gallery Danielli on Dundas Street and continues there to April 17.

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The Florida teenager who was wounded in an Arab terrorist attack in Israel vowed that she will return to Israel one day. Seventeen-year-old **Dejean Repogle** made the statement upon her recent return to her Jacksonville home after losing her right leg in the grenade attack on a busload of Christian pilgrims this winter. Medical bills and airfare were paid for by the Israeli government and the high school student will be receiving further treatment at a local hospital.

Arab investment in U.S. gets a mixed review from Jewish Congress

NEW YORK — Arab investment in U.S. companies is good for the American economy provided legislation is enacted to prevent discrimination against American citizens and boycotts against America's friends abroad resulting from Arab pressure, the American Jewish Congress said last week.

In a resolution, the national executive committee of Congress called for establishment of a federal agency — similar to the Securities and Exchange Commission — that would compel disclosure of foreign investment in U.S. companies and "continuously report" to the public on the extent of foreign ownership of American enterprise.

The federal agency would also be responsible for enforcing existing limitations on foreign ownership of critical sectors of the American economy and recommend "new categories of industry whose critical character requires that they be barred from control by foreign investors."

The resolution was adopted at a meeting of the policy-making American Jewish Congress group chaired by Rabbi Arthur Hetzberg of Englewood, N.J., president of Congress, at Stephen Wise Congress House, 15 East 84th Street.

Noting the economy of the U.S. and of Western governments generally had been "shaken" by the outflow of payments to the oil-producing nations, the resolutions declared:

"We are not opposed to the return or recycling of a sizeable portion of those funds to the American economy. Such investment is both inevitable and welcome as a stimulus to our economy.

"At the same time, however, Arab investment must not be permitted to distort the political institutions, social practices or foreign policy of our country."

The American Jewish Congress resolution, citing reports of discrimination in Great Britain and France against Jewish-owned investment banking firms, called for "a prohibition against the imposition of conditions by foreign investors that would require discriminatory practices in financial or business undertakings conducted by companies operating in America.

"At a time when economic problems due to the oil crisis, inflation and unemployment cause foreign investments in America to seem most attractive," the statement continued, "it is necessary that conditions be established so that foreign investments will not be permitted to undermine the rights of its citizens.

"We must not permit current economic difficulties to be used as an excuse for abridging the constitutional guarantee of equality to which every American is entitled."

Correction

Adath Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day Service will be April 7 at 8 p.m., not April 6 as stated in the Congress Calendar in the March 28th edition of **The Canadian Jewish News.**

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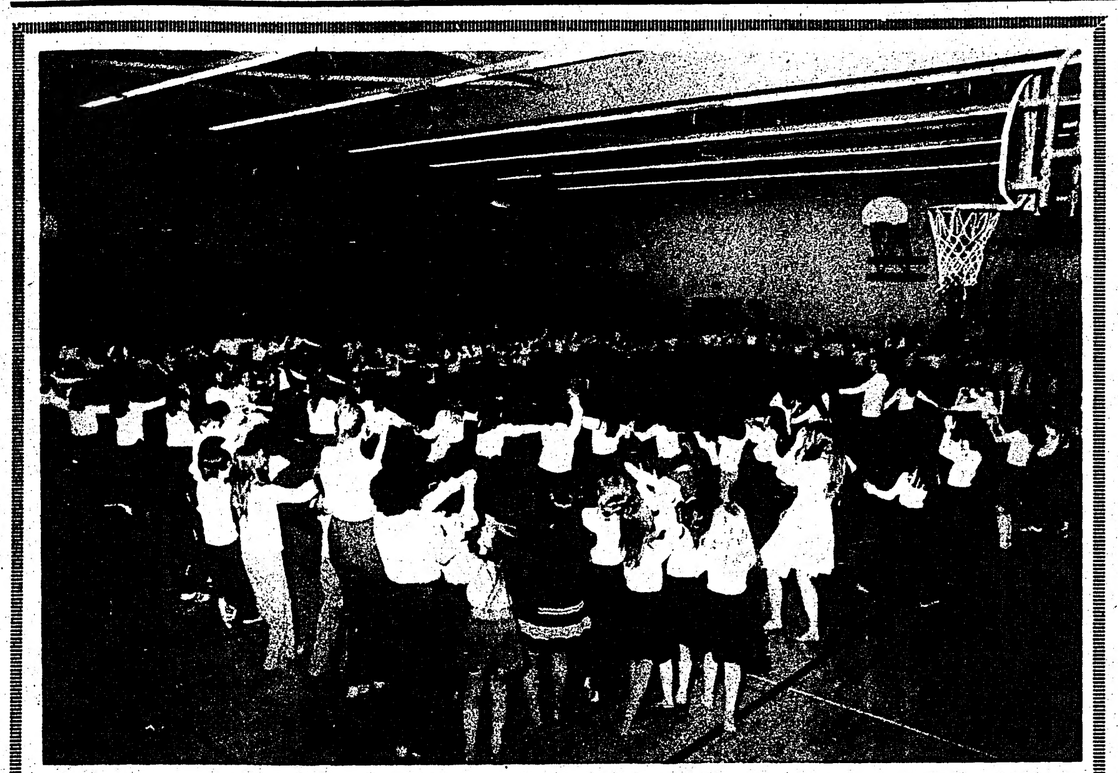


The large crowd was on hand to attend the fifth annual Rikudiya – the Israeli Dance for Children. It was sponsored by the YM–YWHA in co-operation with the Board of Jewish Education. Ten groups took part. Teme Kernerman co-ordinated it. (Hoz)

Children must be given a strong sense of past, rabbi urges in lectures

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The central role of the modern family in Judaism is to provide children with a sense of the past, says Rabbi David Hartman, a former Montreal rabbi now living in Israel.

Rabbi Hartman urged the audience, in a series of lectures entitled **The Family as a Vehicle for the Transmission of Values,** at the Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue in Cote St. Luc, to tell their children about their lives and those of their grandparents for only in this way can a "reality be given to historical claims."

"We need to know where we come from...our roots. The family is not an isolated, enclosed unit and parents must allow the collective history of the Jewish people to enter the consciousness of the child."

Philosophy professor, education activist, lecturer and writer, Rabbi Hartman asserted that the difficult role of the parent is "to make the child aware that he is part of a larger perspective...he will discover that he has many parents."

"It is a profound joy for children to listen to a world other than their own."

The role of the family is to develop in the child a sense of "dependence" for his existence on earth, the rabbi continued, "being alive is something to be grateful for. We owe our existence to someone else.

"'I didn't ask to be born' is the modern disease."

To be dependent on others calls for responsibility to one's Creator. "There is no sense of absolute autonomy in the Jewish tradition, only God is autonomous."

"To be human we must learn that we are dependent, finite, limited, and not be ashamed." This, also, is the role of the parent.

Without this sense of limitation one "can't say 'no' to the world... I am not master of the world, I must not try to overcome my limitations."

To do so would be to encroach upon that which is God's domain alone, Rabbi Hartman said.

"To be in the world, is to need others."

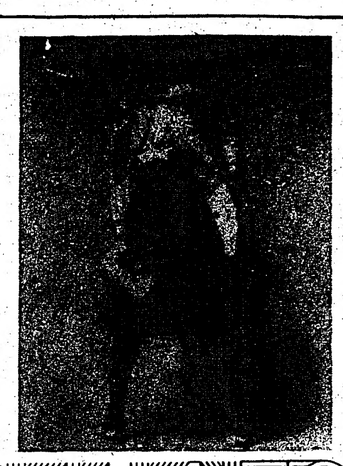
In return for the gift of life, the child "must take care of his parents when they are helpless. Honor your parents by feeding, clothing them."

A parent should not have to be "worthy" of such treatment. "The parent does not have to be a source of normative values, being our source of existence is enough. You received something, you have a debt."

Neither should the parent feel ashamed for his dependence in old age or illness, according to Rabbi Hartman.

"The function of the family is to live with mutual dependence...to need someone is to know you are not God."

If a child learns how to receive a gift, he will find the way to his God. "Parents are the link to a spiritual universe. Through parents one comes to meet the Creator God," the rabbi concluded.



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Intensified synagogue activity implemented for Bond Drive

TORONTO —

A greatly-intensified campaign involving every facet of synagogue activity is to be implemented for the 1975 Israel Bond Drive.

An unanimous resolution stating this was passed by representatives from Toronto's 50 synagogues at the special orientation meeting last week at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.

Augmented by representatives from Toronto landsmanshaften groups, this was the largest-ever gathering to participate in such an early planning and orientation meeting, according to Israel Bond synagogue division co-chairmen Alex Eisen, Nathan Hurwich, and Dr. Norman W. Shaul.

Rabbi Sidney Shoham of Montreal who heads the Canadian Rabbinic Cabinet of Israel Bonds delivered the keynote address, calling upon the synagogue leaders to fulfil to an even greater degree than ever before the obligations of leadership so their fellow-members would be challenged to step-up support for Israel.

"People are not sufficiently aware of what is expected of them and how they can help," Dr. Shoham declared.

"They are hungry for the message of Israel in order to help and inspire others. We tend to react only in times of emergency and not to the prevailing pressures during ceasefires! It is essential that every synagogue or organization should strive for its own Bond Dinner or reception in addition to community-wide and Yiskor and High Holy Day programs," Rabbi Shoham stressed.

Discussion was full and enthusiastic by representatives present as to ways and means of producing the additional loan dollars so urgently needed to strengthen Israel's beleagured economy.

Rabbi Sidney Shoham of Montreal

Herb Green, general chairman of the 1975 Israel Bond Campaign, in his remarks to the assembled leadership stressed the importance of the results achieved by the synagogue division to the over-all success of the community Bond campaign. "Fifty-percent of the purchasers, and 40% of the Bond dollars raised in 1974 resulted from synagogue bond programs," Green said. "Israel cannot carry her heavy burdens without our help. The family closeness between Israel and Jews in our community and elsewhere has become a pillar of world Jewish existence and certainly an important factor in Israel's life."

Many congregation representatives announced there would be Yiskor Appeals on Shavuos, May 17, on behalf of Israel Bonds, and indications are that at least double the number of synagogue and landsmanshaften sponsored events for Bonds will be undertaken this spring than in any previous year.

'Instant art' technique will be demonstrated

TORONTO —

If you yearn for a one-of-a-kind oil painting — and if you think art can be fun — you can watch your own landscape bloom under the palette knife of New York artist Morris Katz at the Spring Art Show of the Ontario Chapter, Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations.

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He will demonstrate his unique "instant art" technique at Shaar Hashomayim synagogue April 28 and 29. Proceeds from the two days of shows (both the $1.50 admission fee and commissions on the paintings sold) will be used to enable children of Soviet Jewish immigrants to participate in special youth programs.

The Polish-born artist, who came to American in 1949 at the age of 17, is great fun to watch. As he works, he punctuates his non-stop patter with staccato taps of his palette knife, shaping daubs of clear bright oils into trees, flowers, or skyscrapers.

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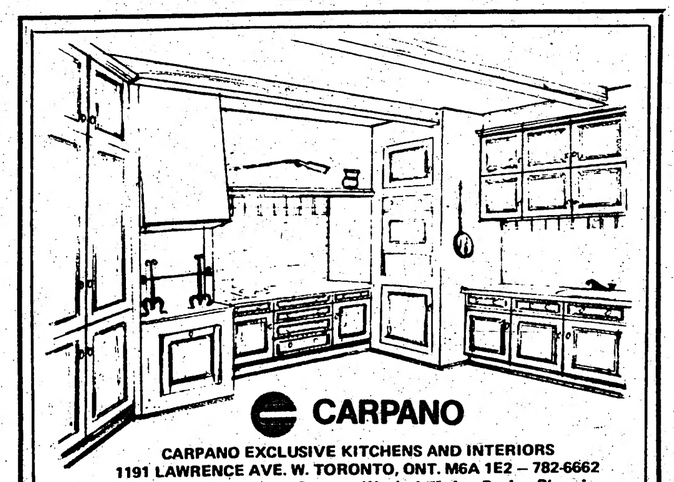

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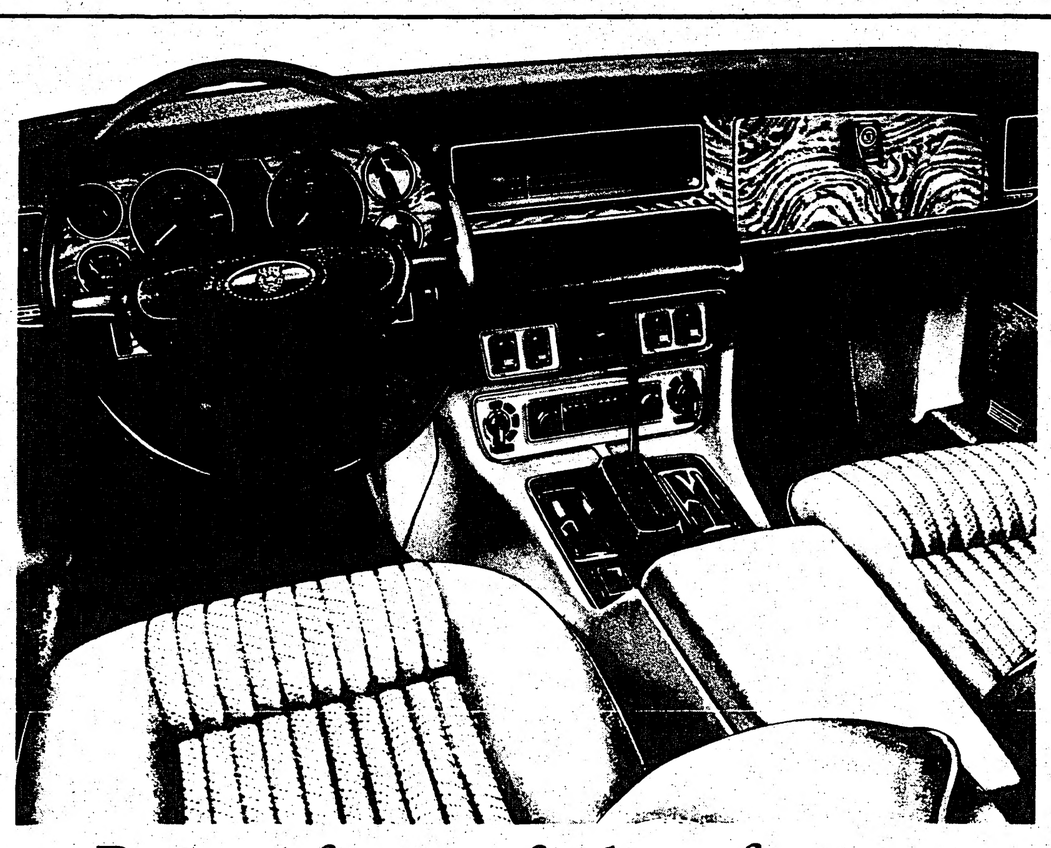

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Organizations and People

CONGRESS HEARS AMBASSADOR

Theodor Meron (second from left), Israel ambassador to Canada, addresses national executive meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress in Montreal. Others from left are Sydney M. Harris, president; Alan Rose, executive director, and Nachum Wilchesky, treasurer.

Community assembly plan well-rounded

TORONTO —

A message will be delivered to the community in Yiddish by Jacob Egit, executive-director of the United Organizations for Histadrut at the community assembly to be held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue April 6.

This rounds out a program which will be headed by Mrs. Gerda Klein, author and survivor, who will speak on her experience as a young girl in the concentration camps of Nazi Europe during the Second World War. She calls her delivery **"Memory"**. Mrs. Klein comes to Toronto in the midst of an extraordinary tour through the United States where she has spoken in many cities on the Holocaust and introduced her new book, **The Blue Rose.**

Students of Toronto Jewish schools will light the memorial candles; singer Carol Lipson will present her new work, **The Wall**, and Susan Paul of York University, Alan Bardikoff and Daniel Weil, University of Toronto, will read a dramatic presentation prepared by Joseph Klinghofer, based on the writings, **Night Words** by David Roskies.

Cantor Joseph Cooper and his choir will provide musical background and will sing the moving Partisan songs. Others on the program will be Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Milton E. Harris, chairman of the Central Region of Canadian Jewish Congress and Shmuel Ovnat, representing the state of Israel. Musical direction will be provided by Gordon Kushner of the synagogue.

In connection with this program, the Beth Tzedec Museum will feature a special display of memorabilia dealing with the Holocaust. In addition to the normal hours, the museum will be open on Sunday, April 6, 1975 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and following the observance which commences at 8 p.m. sharp.

Jacob Egit

'Youthful' doctor politely refused

JERUSALEM —

Just how much Canadian Zionists are prepared to give for Israel, was demonstrated by Dr. Mark Zimmerman of Toronto, at the 41st Zionist Organization of Canada convention, held recently in Jerusalem. He wanted to give his 138th pint of blood to the Jewish state.

Unfortunately, veteran blood donor Dr. Zimmerman was foiled in his attempt. "When they heard here that I hadn't given blood for five years, and when I told them my age, they refused to go ahead," laughed Dr. Zimmerman, a vital, youthful-looking 70.

The Magen David Adom blood donor unit which had set up operations inside the Jerusalem Hilton hotel where ZOC convention delegates were based, did not have a doctor on hand, nor full facilities for analysing blood.

Dr. Zimmerman, who is a dentist, has given 137 pints of blood to the Canadian Red Cross. "I started in the Second World War, and gave blood regularly every three months. But the Red Cross made me quit when I was 65," Dr. Zimmerman told **The Canadian Jewish News** in an interview.

Dr. Zimmerman, who is on the national executive of the ZOC and on the Young Judaea camps committee, has professional connections with Israel as well. "I was last in Israel for the official opening of the dental school in Jerusalem, which the Alpha-Omega Association of Jewish dentists helped fund and establish," he said.

Dr. Zimmerman had no intention of letting Magen David Adom thwart his attempt to donate blood. "I shall try next week when the convention moves to Tel Aviv," he said.

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Writer's background readied him for work on The False Messiah

theater

By JENIVA BERGER

Just about everything in writer Rick Salutin's background prepared him for **The False Messiah**, his current play about the 17th century pseudo-Messiah Shabtai Zvi. The 31-year-old writer schooled at Forest Hill High and Holy Blossom Temple has a sturdy background in Jewish history. He has a B.A. from Brandeis University in Jewish studies, an M.A. in Religion from Columbia, two years in Rabbinical studies, and 10 years experience trekking around New York city teaching philosophy at various universities.

"The idea for **The False Messiah** had been percolating for quite a while" said the soft-spoken Salutin during a hurried lunch break in between the crunch of final rehearsals. "I got the idea to do it in Jerusalem. In fact, the first book I ever read in Hebrew was on Shabtai Zvi. I couldn't read Hebrew, but I sat down with the book and a dictionary and by page 80 I knew Hebrew!"

It gives you some idea of Rick Salutin's determination. He's a versatile writer who handles radio comedy as easily as magazine pieces on Canadian history which gives him a rare status these days; a working writer who really does work.

Politics have obviously made an impact. For some time now he's edited **This Magazine**, a publication which deals with politics, labor, and culture with a distinctive left slant. In fact, the day he moved back to Toronto — he remembers it clearly — was when the War Measures Act was proclaimed.

He started writing political satire for the CBC comedy show **Inside from the Outside** for which he still contributes material. He penned Toronto workshop's production of **Fanshen**, a political play about the Chinese peasant uprising, shaped Theatre Passe Muraille's earnest and funny **The Immigrants**, which looked at the adjustment problems new Canadians face, and made a trenchant statement with **1837**, another Passe Muraille collective creation about the Farmer's Rebellion against the Loyalist government.

The last named was enthusiastically received by adult and young audiences alike. It was revived this past season, winning an award for Salutin, and will be produced on television in the near future with Paul Thompson directing.

"A collective creation is a terrific way to work," maintains Salutin whose **Fanshen** and **False Messiah** were both scripted. "You mobilize people's energies better. They have more to contribute and you have a richer product."

Along with the other irons in the fire — one, a magazine piece of his memoirs at Camp White Pine — is a book on **1837**, the script and diary, plus a play for the Young People's theatre with the intriguing title of **Money**. It's about, what else, how money works. Adds Salutin ironically, "It's an anti-magic show."

Rick Salutin, 31-year-old writer is involved in many media areas. He is author of the play, 'The False Messiah,' editor of a magazine and a CBC radio satirist.

New Jerusalem Hilton bought by West German

JERUSALEM (JCNS) —

The Jerusalem Hilton Hotel, opened three months ago, has been bought by David Teig, a West German Jewish businessman for $30 million from its American owners. The contract was signed earlier this month but Israel's tourism ministry was only notified a few days ago. Final details of the sale have yet to be completed.

Israel's treasury is reported to be studying the transaction. This is because state loans for the original development of the hotel amounted to at least 10% more than the stipulated state participation in such projects. The treasury is seeking to establish whether the exceptionally large state loan for the hotel was linked with any special clause respecting a change of ownership. As a rule, government loans for hotel building do not contain provisions prohibiting a change of owners.

The original American owners, a group headed by Philip Klutznick and Abraham Feinberg, invested 5,200,000 IL in the hotel. A particularly high 60% of the investment was provided by unlinked 10-year Government loans at 8% interest. Another unusual feature of the Jerusalem Hilton loan was its negotiation, arranged directly with the treasury when Pinhas Sapir was finance minister, instead of the tourism ministry. Observers here believe the original American owners received special consideration because of the principal's services to Israel.

A chair in biology was established at the Weizmann Institute of Science in honor of Klutznick, a former American representative at the United Nations and president of B'nai B'rith. Feinberg is chairman of the board of governors of the institute.

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'Rock musical superbly performed' by students at CHAT

voice of youth
By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

Elvis Presley and Maurice Chevalier in the same billing — the story of Joseph and his brothers?

If you weren't one of the several hundred people who turned out at the Associated Hebrew Schools last Saturday or Sunday night, then you missed it all in **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**, a rock musical superbly performed by grade 12 theatre arts students of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. (Elvis Presley and Maurice Chevalier were Mark Weisleder and Ron Davis respectively).

Sharona Freudman and Mark Korson were Greek-chorus-like story-tellers, who related the story of Jacob (played by Moishe Teller), and Joseph (Stephen Edell) and his brothers, in song and dance — to the music of a band of students specially assembled for this play, and led by Rick Krausminc.

Edell did an excellent job of both acting and singing the main role of Joseph. Yet the high point of the two-hour production was Pharaoh telling Joseph his dream about the seven lean cows and seven fat cows; Mark Weisleder, as Pharaoh, related his dreams to Joseph in Elvis Presley style, and would make Elvis, the pelvis, jealous of his amazing rendition, which came complete with pelvic motion, unbuttoned silk shirt and hand-to-hand microphone-tossing.

The entire cast — from actors and musicians to technicians and stage hands — did a magnificent job together, and were well-deserving of the high praise of the standing-room-only audience. They put on a "a wonderful performance," according to Mrs. Elaine Matlow, theatre arts teacher at CHAT and director of the play. "The students all worked very hard and are very talented; I personally had a good time watching in the audience."

Judging by the response, two standing ovations within minutes of each other, the rest of the audience had a good time too, to say the least.

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But don't think for a minute that **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** is the only great thing that has happened at CHAT recently.

The first-ever Resource Day for grades nine to 13 was also one of the special events of this year. Guests were invited to the school to discuss topics of interest: there were four consecutive sessions of eight or nine simultaneous speakers.

Among the many well-known personalities who gave of their valuable time to be part of Resource Day were: Joseph B. Pomerant, noted defence attorney; Gene Taylor of CITY-TV's **Prizewinners Playhouse**; computer science professor Leslie Mezei; noted Canadian concert violinist Lorand Fenyves; Urjo Kareda, drama critic for **The Toronto Star**; Don Daynard of radio station CFRB; Paul Rimstead, columnist for **The Toronto Sun**; and Cheryl Simard, TV director on Channel 19.

The participation of the above, and the many others, is very much appreciated by the students and certainly made Resource Day a successful project, worthy of a repeat performance in the future.

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Several chapters of U.S.Y. in Toronto have just begun their annual fund-raising project for the Institute for the Blind in Jerusalem. Through phone and personal appeals the USYers hope to sell at least a thousand flashlights ($2 each) and beat last year's record of $1,100. "Bring light to those who know only darkness," they say.

Grade 12 theatre arts students at Community Hebrew Academy in Toronto recently put on the musical, 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.' From left are Sharon Freudman, Mark Korson and Mark Weisleder.

Beth Tikvah will receive award from Israel Bonds

TORONTO —

Although it is one of Toronto's younger synagogues, Beth Tikvah Congregation has already given ample evidence of its maturity and dedication where practical aid to Israel is concerned, says Israel Bonds.

In recognition of an exceptional record of devoted service to Israel, Beth Tikvah will receive a special award on the occasion of the historic Shomer Israel dinner taking place April 10 at the synagogue, in co-operation with Toronto Bonds.

This occasion will serve to inaugurate the 25th anniversary year of Bonds, and will provide the platform for a major address by one of Israel's foremost leaders, Menachem Begin, founder-leader of Israel's Opposition Party, and a member of the all-important Knesset committee on foreign affairs and security.

Begin is renowned as well as one of the veterans of the Israel Bond program which has just passed the $3-billion mark in loan funds provided for Israel's development over the past quarter-century. Of this total, $1-billion has already been redeemed, with payments of interest and principal being met fully and on time.

"Beth Tikvah leaders and members have played an exemplary and consistent role in every facet of the Bond campaign, whether it be in sponsoring their own Bond events, holding synagogue appeals, or taking part in special institutional loan efforts," commented Herb Green, general campaign chairman. "The Shomer Israel Dinner is, therefore, a most appropriate occasion to recognize publicly Beth Tikvah's outstanding service to the cause of Israel's economic strengthening through Israel Bonds."

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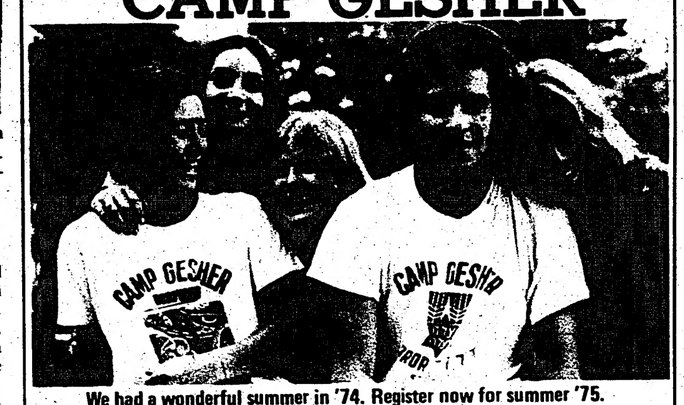

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Economic management seminars planned

TORONTO —

A series of seminars for women on financial planning and management of money was announced this week by Mrs. Gerda Frieberg, chairman of the women's division endowment committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

The series, to be held at Holy Blossom Temple in the congregational foyer, will commence April 15 and will continue on April 22 and April 29.

Mrs. Frieberg said emphasis will be on estate planning, the basic tax laws, money saving techniques and prevention of capital erosion. "Many women," she said, "are very concerned about their finances, particularly because of inflation. We hope this series will give them some understanding of the complexities of finances and will help them determine the type of professional assistance and advice they need to manage their fiscal affairs."

Gordon Cooper, a taxation specialist with the law firm of Goodman & Carr, will conduct the first two seminars. On April 15 he will discuss succession duties, and gifts and capital gains taxation. On April 22 he will speak on estate planning. The final seminar will deal with administration of estates. Christopher Springer, trust officer at Canada Permanent Trust, will be the speaker.

Mrs. Frieberg said each seminar will commence at 9:45 a.m. and run until noon. A question and discussion period will follow the opening presentation by the speaker.

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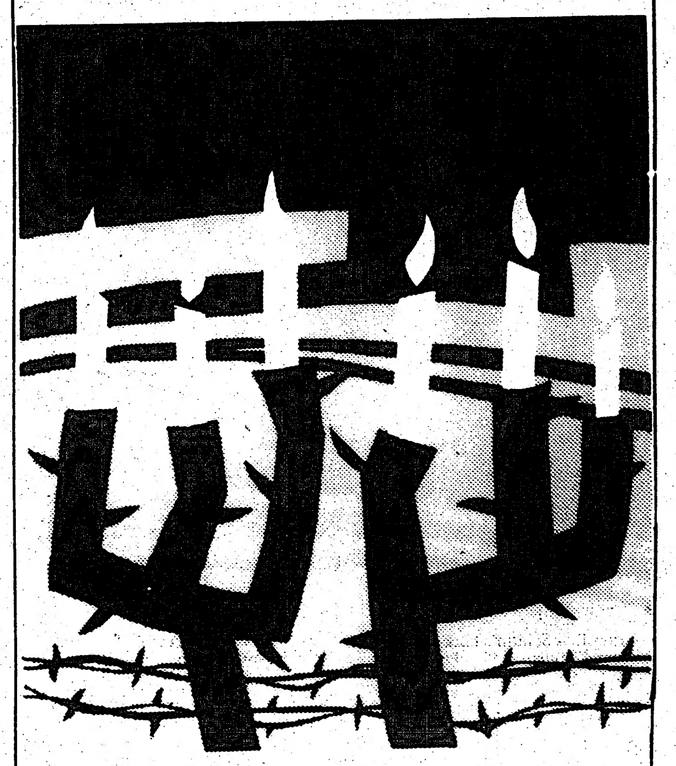

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Two of Toronto's prominent business men and leading members of the Beth Sholom Synagogue, the Barkin Brothers are well-known and respected in the city for their involvement in communal affairs and untiring efforts on behalf of the State of Israel.

The keynote address will be delivered by Rabbi Dr. David Monson, spiritual leader of the Beth Sholom Synagogue, who has just returned from the 41st National Convention of the Canadian Zionist Organization held in Israel, at which he was elected National President. Chairman of the Dinner will be Mr. Max Shecter.

A highlight of the evening will be the musical presentation by the brilliant young Russian-Israeli tenor, Misha Raitzin, accompanied by the noted Canadian pianist Leo Barkin, will be making his first appearance in Canada. A star performer with the most prestigious opera companies in the Soviet Union and internationally hailed as one of the great voices to come out of Russia, Misha Raitzin's tours of the major cities in Europe, South Africa and Mexico have been justifiably described as "triumphant." Since his arrival in Israel in 1972 he has sung as leading tenor with the Tel Aviv Opera and as soloist with the Israel Philharmonic under Zubin Mehta. His recent debut in New York City was enthusiastically acclaimed by critics and public alike and he has been invited to join the Metropolitan Opera Company.

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TORONTO —

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AJCS Women's Federation has evolved into vital force in Montreal community

By Stephanie Brussel

MONTREAL —

Women's Federation, the volunteer arm of Allied Jewish Community Services, Montreal, like its sisters throughout the world, has grown out of its female adjunct status into a vitally important force in the organizational life of the community.

Through a process of evolution, explains Phyllis Waxman, current president, "we began to sensitize AJCS to the value of the woman volunteer. We brought their attention to the fact that women volunteers, because they are not out in the business world, have more time to give and to do what must be done. We have always felt that we should sit on the AJCS Board and help to carry out its work."

The president of WF automatically sits as a vice-president on the AJCS board and the women now also have an officer-at-large in attendance. Since many WF committees match AJCS committees, they "co-ordinate" ideas and plans, with representatives of WF participating on an equal basis with their professional counterparts.

"You might say we are infiltrating," Ms. Waxman says with a smile. "I don't mean to be derogatory when I say there was always a 'token' woman volunteer included.

"We were always asked for our recommendations and they were accepted, but perhaps sometimes we didn't offer enough. Women have to understand that if they want to be a part of the total structure, they have to give a little too."

WF, which grew out of the Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund, and celebrated its 10th anniversary last year, has experienced, according to its president, "a fantastic growth."

"We talked for a long time about the role we had to play as people and concerned citizens," says Ms. Waxman who started 15 years ago as a canvasser for Combined Jewish Appeal.

As their conversations continued, the women realized how extensive their role must be. Their scope extended far beyond their original and still vital role as fund-raisers.

The resulting goal is described by Ms. Waxman as one of intensive education and reaching out.

Some of the educational programs are directly related to campaign activities, that is, educating members of the community to the nature and necessity of AJCS's humanitarian functions, and to the nature and necessity of the state of Israel's humanitarian needs.

Beyond that, and perhaps of even more importance is education within the Jewish community and outside of it as to the nature of our Jewish consciousness.

As "concerned individuals," the WF members have reached out to the non-Jewish community to dispel some of the myths about Jews and Israel and to replace them with facts. The goal here, states Waxman, is understanding.

Programs in this area are exemplified by Jewish Civics. Originally, only children from Jewish schools took part in "insight tours" of AJCS and its agencies. Now the program has begun to extend to students at Protestant and Catholic schools.

Lecture series with experts in various fields pertaining to Israel and Jewry are held and like a recent talk by Gerald Clark, an editor of the **Montreal Star**, about the Middle East, women from non-Jewish organizations are invited to attend.

They do attend, and Waxman attests, many are enthusiastic. She tells of a Protestant woman who, following the Clark forum was so awakened to a whole new "understanding" that she advised her WF friends to start early by acquainting non-Jewish children with the Jewish people — and she even offered to help.

These kind of confrontations result in a deeper respect and knowledge of different groups in the Montreal community and of the Jewish community itself.

This has all been the work of WF for quite some time, Ms. Waxman maintains. It is also a goal that has very recently been adopted by Jewish organizations throughout the world — self-education and the furthering of understanding from our non-Jewish neighbors.

It is often said that if women ran the world, things would be extremely different. WF seems to prove this.

"We are often described as the eyes and ears of the community," Waxman confides, "everything comes back to us."

The Council of Presidents of WF consists of Executives of 75 of Montreal's Jewish women's organizations, and meets twice a year to share problems and exchange ideas.

WF is also a member of the Montreal Council of Women, representing all of the city's religious, ethnic and community groups, and the Federation des Femmes de Quebec.

Through these contacts they are able to share their expertise and their "womanpower" for common causes, and to make new friends for the Jewish community and Israel.

A close relationship is being engendered between WF and the women's division of Montreal's francophone Jews with whom Waxman maintains "we really want to develop a true partnership."

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NCJW looks toward convention

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The United Nations could not have picked a better time for International Women's Year, at least as far as the National Council of Jewish Women is concerned. As a result of this happy coincidence, a $10,000 gift from the five million dollars the federal government has set aside for projects benefitting women, has been granted to this year's biennial convention.

The money received from the department of citizenship will help cover the travelling expenses of additional delegates to Calgary where the convention is to be held May 25th through 29th. A portion will defray the cost of printing any literature that may come out of the workshops.

The aim of the convention is to give delegates of the 5,000-member volunteer group an opportunity to meet and to learn from one another.

"We want to expose as many members as possible from across the country, said Dorothy Reitman, president of NCJW, "who in turn will bring back to their own communities what was accomplished at the Biennial."

In keeping with the theme **Women as Citizens**, a leadership training program "to remove the blocks from developing positive skills" involving specialists from this field will highlight the convention.

"Citizenship is one of our most vital issues today, both in Canada and internationally. We have an urgent job of alerting people to their rights and responsibilities... Lack of awareness of the democratic system will weaken not strengthen it. We're interested in the involvement of all groups of people, over and above women.

"Hopefully, the delegates at the convention will gain enough skills, knowledge, involvement in the issues to be motivated to go back to their regional committees and implement the council program."

"We also hope the convention will serve to launch the council's role in the Canadian community as a real agent of change."

The second day of Biennial will be devoted to Canadian issues affecting the general population.

"We'll be zeroing in on the whole area of prejudice in the media, Mrs. Reitman said," and also in textbooks used in schools.

A special event on Israel and the Middle East involving the entire Calgary community is planned for the evening. It's all part of a public relations campaign in Canada to arouse the non-Jewish population into taking a stand.

The 28th is reserved for problems peculiar to the Jewish community, not the least of which, is Jewish education in Canada, with the focus on Jewish teacher training programs.

Partially sighted enjoy mobile library run by B'nai B'rith's 'sunshine girls'

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

At 11 p.m., a lonely and depressed elderly woman telephones perhaps the only companion she has, the volunteer who regularly delivers books to her home. She continues to chat well past midnight.

Late night calls and lending a sympathetic ear are all in a day's work for a B'nai B'rith Woman involved with the Mobile Library for the Partially Sighted, a pioneer in home delivery service to those physically unable to go to a library.

The Mobile Library is operated by the Montreal chapters of B'nai B'rith women for Quebec Aid for the Partially Sighted, a provincial agency formed in 1966. At its inception, B'nai B'rith Women was invited to participate in the donation and delivery of the special large print books.

B'nai B'rith Women has 50 people and growing on its home delivery route. Volunteers also visit schools, convalescent and veterans' hospitals, senior citizen residences, and nursing homes.

Books are sent to the remotest regions of Quebec and B'nai B'rith Women maintain shelves of these large print books at the Jewish Public Library and QAPS headquarters.

Service is non-sectarian and completely free of charge.

Although the largest percentage of the borrowers are senior citizens, several are only of school age. They are often the victims of multiple sclerosis, cataracts, severe diabetes or arthritis which all may affect the eyesight.

"They come from all walks of life, said Mrs. Shirley Esar, Home Service Chairman, "and all economic situations." Many are retired businessmen, office workers, and a number are students.

Known to those on their circuit as the "sunshine girls", warm relationships often develop between the B'nai B'rith volunteer and the partially sighted person. Every attempt is made to have the same volunteer deliver books each time.

The 700 brand-new large print books circulating throughout private homes and institutions are in English, although some French publications are available at QAPS, and are donated by organizations and individuals. Most bear "in memory" stickers on their front pages.

The majority of the books must be imported from the United States and England. Almost every subject is in print, including some recent popular novels.

Several hundred copies of one Yiddish book, **We are Here**, the story of European Jews who have emigrated to Israel, have been published by B'nai B'rith Women.

"Most like light, humorous or romantic books, not many read mysteries, perhaps to lift themselves from the depths of everyday despair," said Mrs. Esar.

Typical of many of the elderly women is Mrs. Luba McAllister, 95, the oldest user of the library, she will read nothing but love stories.

Men, on the other hand, tend to like short stories, fiction, and biographies.

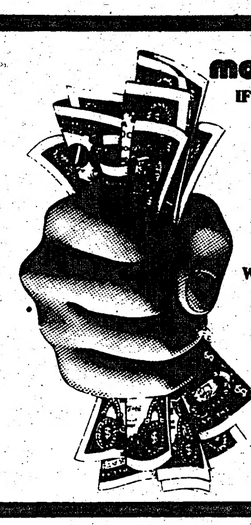
Large print Reader's Digest, crossword puzzles, and even cook-books, donated by Campbell Soups, are popular.

"I knew a heart patient on a special diet, who probably hadn't cooked a meal in years, who read cook-books all the time," Mrs. Esar said.

Large print condensed versions of **The New York Times** will soon be on the market as well.

"Most of the people who use the Mobile Library have been readers all their lives but stopped when their eyesight deteriorated and then heard of the service and renewed their old interest," explained Mrs. Esar.

One difficulty that B'nai B'rith Women faces is in getting the word around that this kind of service exists. They worry that not enough of the people who need it will be reached.



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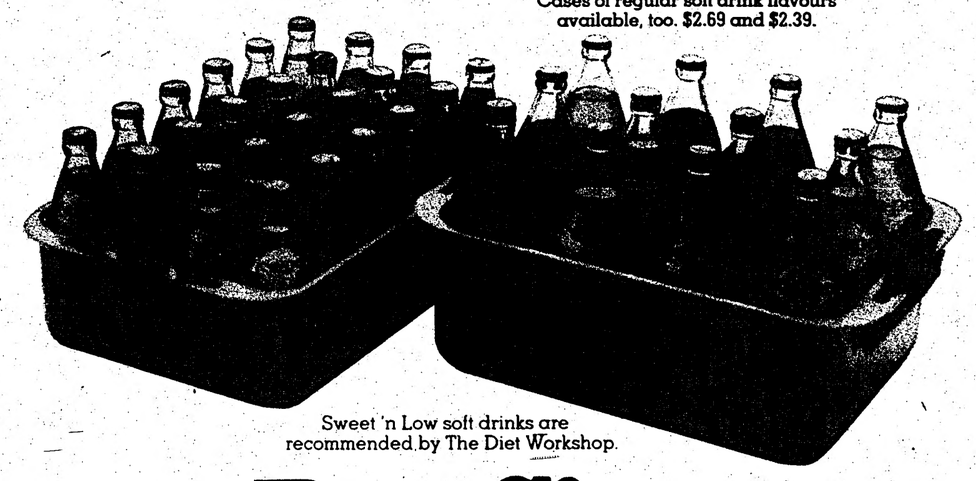

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Arts

Bible brought to life by show

T.V.

By LYNN SLOTKIN

The recent two hour special on CTV, entitled, **The Story of Jacob and Joseph**, was special indeed. Without distorting or modernizing the writer Ernest Kinoy, director Michael Cacoyannis and the excellent cast brought out the power and beauty of that part of the Old Testament involving Jacob and his descendants.

Kinoy was faithful to the events, such as the rivalry between Isaac's sons Esau and Jacob; Jacob's gradual prosperity; the rivalry between Jacob's children, Joseph and his brothers, and their betrayal when they sell Joseph into slavery. But Kinoy didn't just dwell on the events, but took great care to reveal character.

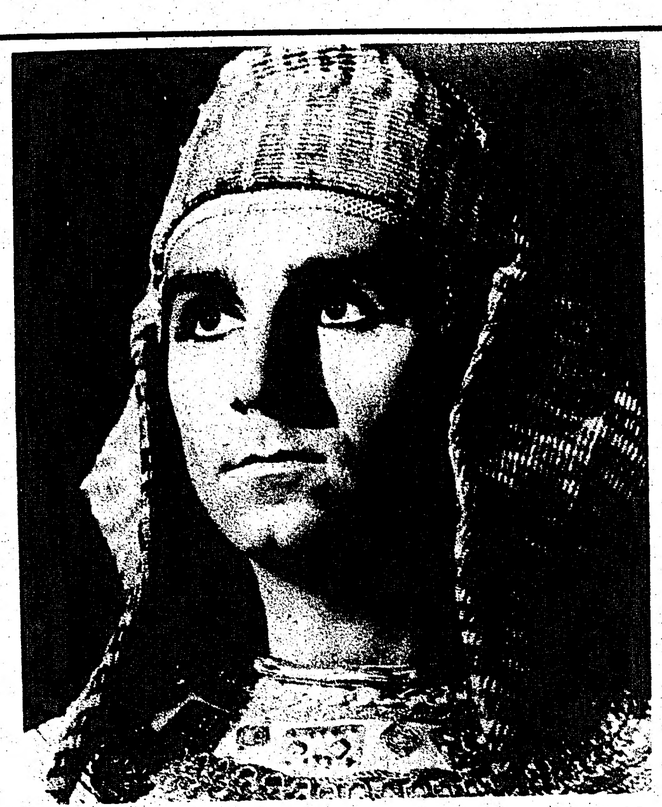
Esau was depicted as wild, disheveled, and impetuous, while Jacob was depicted as gentle, thoughtful and intelligent. Their mother Rebeccah loved both, but favored Jacob because of his potential as a leader of his people when Isaac died.

There was ample use of the language of the Scriptures, and Kinoy adapted his dialogue to it, in fact there was one lovely scene, in particular, in which Jacob was bargaining with Laban for the hand of Rachel which made it difficult for one to tell where the Scriptures ended and Kinoy began. His characters were not as black and white as they seem in the Bible, but people with reasons, feelings and weaknesses.

An excellent script deserves an excellent treatment, and Kinoy was lucky with his director Michael Cacoyannis, who shot the film on location in Israel, and his cast. The result was superb.

Colleen Dewhurst, an actress whose brilliance has launched a thousand superlative descriptions, gave the part of Rebeccah a wonderful earthiness, full of experience yet innocence. There was great feeling and warmth to her Rebeccah. Julian Glover with his long, matted hair, untamed beared and ragged clothes was a wild and wooly Esau, his eyes ablaze, while Keith Michel as Jacob was the antithesis; gentle, soft spoken, yes, even neat. Tony LoBianco as Joseph made an easy transition from Joseph the underdog, the one always being picked on and resigned about his fate, to Joseph the leader, confident, and the maker of his future.

The Story of Jacob and Joseph was television at its best and was a pleasure to watch. Hopefully more is on the way.



Tony LoBianco played Joseph in TV presentation of 'The Story of Jacob and Joseph.' Critic Lynn Slotkin called the production "television at its best." (CTV)

'Rich, absorbing work traces Jewish history'

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Zion in America, By Henry L. Feingold, [Paperback] Hippocrene Books, Inc. $5.95

The close to six million Jews in the United States constitute the most affluent, influential and secure community in Jewish history. How they came to the New World and reached their present position is the burden of this rich and absorbing study that traces the Jewish experience from colonial times to the present. It is without doubt the best single book on the subject that I have ever encountered.

The author, a professor of history, lucidly delineates the concerns and problems of the minuscule community during Colonial and Civil War days and the formation of the great family fortunes of the hardworking German-Jewish immigrants.

Especially noteworthy is the depiction of the multiple tribulations and achievements of the East European wave of newcomers which flooded New York and other Eastern seaboard cities around the turn of the century. The author describes their quick transition from squalor and poverty to successful integration, the rise of the Jewish Labor Movement, the development of educational and religious institutions, the variegated nature of Zionist activities, the Roosevelt Era, and the curse of anti-Semitism. The book concludes with a well-balanced discussion of the American Jewish condition today.

We have come a long way since the time of Jacob Jonas, the first Jewish settler in Cincinnati. He was closely scrutinized by a lady who had never seen a Jew and who muttered disappointedly "Thee looks no different than anyone else."

Students of anti-Semitism will be interested in the author's reaction to General Grant's nefarious General Order No. 11, issued during the Civil War, which called for the evacuation of all Jews in the Tennessee Department as "unprincipled traitors," Says Feingold, "This was one of the rare instances in American Jewish History of official anti-Semitism sponsored by an arm of the Government."

The Jewish communities were anxious to Americanize their "greenhorn brethren" as soon as possible. One little known manifestation of this concern was the financial support offered the fledgling Conservative movement by a group of wealthy Reform Jews.

A half-million dollars was raised to strengthen the Jewish Theological Seminary as a "possible bridge which Orthodox Jews might cross to the American mainstream."

The author is sceptical that Jewish Day Schools, by themselves, can generate a greater commitment to Judaism. "Recent studies indicate that graduates of the farflung Catholic School System are no more committed to Catholicism than students who attend secular schools, and in a good many cases they are less so."

Finally, the author is open-minded about the future of Jewish life in North America. "The great secret of Jewish survival can be found partly in the fact that Judaism has offered its adherents an entire civilization. It has never been merely another ethnic group." Can we continue to live as a people as our loyalty becomes attenuated, our religious faith denatured and our distinctive culture depleted?

New York arts scene

Fresh blood is needed

music

By RICK KARDONNE

The mainstream contemporary culture scene in New York hit a low point in 1974 with a glut of reactionary nostalgia, typified by the appearance of such fossils on Broadway as **Irene, Over Here** and **Good News**. Today, although a general atmosphere of nostalgic escapism still prevails on Broadway, the blatant revivals are for the most part over, and there is more hope now, both quantitatively and qualitatively, in New York, than there has been for some time; although the 1974-75 season still does not compare to that of 1965, let alone 1955.

Typical of the current New York theatre activity is **Candide**, a musical adaptation of Voltaire's whimsical fairytale which first appeared in 1956, featuring a good score by Leonard Bernstein (although not half as memorable as was **West Side Story**) and extremely imaginative staging by Hal Prince in a theatre-in-the-round setting; **The Wiz** (which I saw), a boldly staged and visually unforgettable Black version of **The Wizard of Oz** featuring Stephanie Mills, in every sense as good as was Judy Garland in the original; and **Goodtime Charlie**, in which a virtuoso starring performance by Joel Gray is not enough to save a boring pageant of 17th-century France which is musically and thematically limp.

The only contemporarily relevant Broadway show is **Lieutenant** by Nita Scharfman, a musical account of My Lai. Off-Broadway, there is little avant-garde excitement, and this is most disappointing. Typical of the small Greenwich Village arena is **Diamon Studs**, a musical (country-western) biography of Jesse James.

Asides from **Lieutenant**, the focus of innovative excitement in New York theatre remains the Black theatre scene, as has been the case for the past four years (featuring now two dramatically gripping South African plays). I am convinced that there is enough creative energy among New York Jewry to support as equally exciting a contemporary, authentic Jewish theatre scene, centered around both English translations of Israeli plays and original plays on Jewish themes by Jewish playwrights.

Although nothing dramatically new has happened on the New York contemporary music front, the emerging cabaret scene, even if more nostalgic than innovative, provides an atmosphere of urban class which is far preferable to the provincialist folk-music milieu which existed not so long ago. What is sorely needed is new, fresh substantive material which will fit the new mood of greater creative freedom (this lack of such inventively distinctive material is Bette Midler's most serious weakness). In short, the New York scene, especially the Jewish audience, could really benefit from an infusion of fresh blood such as Israel's Chava Alberstein.

COMING EVENTS IN TORONTO: Speaking of Chava Alberstein, I am extremely happy to announce she will make her first North American solo concert appearance May 29 here in Toronto at Beth Tzedec, so Toronto will be the first city outside Israel to see not only the world's foremost Jewish songstress, but also the most exciting singer anywhere today.

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Jacob Tsur, world director of the Jewish National Fund, makes presentation to Mrs. Teshima at the dedication of Makuya Forest in Israel in honor of the late Prof. Avraham Ikuro Teshima. He was founder of the Japanese movement. Right is overall scene of the dedication at Mount Tur'an in the Lower Galilee. (JNF)

'Fervent love for Zion'

Japanese Makuya movement lovingly dedicates JNF forest

By B. ALEXANDRONI

JERUSALEM —

Japanese eyes and kimonas do not usually fit in with visions of Israel but they did last month when 150 members of the Makuya movement from Japan, on their 10th pilgrimage to Israel, dedicated the Jewish National Fund Makuya Forest in honor of their spiritual leader, Prof. Avraham Ikuro Teshima who passed away last December. Also participating were 30 students of the Makuya group studying in Israel at present.

Large colorful banners, in perfect Hebrew, with passages from the Bible, among them a banner saying "Israel, be strong and courageous because the Makuya are always with you" decorated the site of the ceremony, atop Mount Tur'an in the Lower Galilee, which began with tears and ended with singing and dancing in Hebrew.

Prof. Teshima, father of the movement, became interested in the Bible at an early age and established the Makuya — which means "Tabernacle" in Japanese — following World War II. Today the movement numbers over 60,000 members who have adopted religious beliefs from the Bible as well as from the New Testament and who observe both Yom Kippur and Christmas. The Makuya maintain strong relations with Israel by sending members here to study Jewish history and religion on one hand, and on the other hand, these students return home to serve as the main source of information about Israel in Japan.

After the Lod Airport massacre which both shocked and hurt the Makuya personally through the involvement of one of their countrymen, they donated an ambulance to Israel. Then, in 1973, when the Arab world intensified its use of oil as a political weapon, the Makuya organized a march through the main streets of Tokyo of several thousand people who came from all over Japan, headed by Prof. Teshima, in order to demonstrate their fervent love for Zion and to decry their government's anti-Israel stand.

Prof. Teshima's failing health was aggravated by the effort of the demonstration and three weeks later he died at the age of 63. He loved Israel all his life and believed that without Israel there could be no salvation nor redemption. Israel, he believed, must not be forsaken in her time of need.

And indeed, Jacob Tsur, world director of the JNF pointed out, speaking at the dedication: "Your pilgrimage and planting these trees here, in these times prove your true friendship in good times and bad. It is good to know that we have friends over 13,000 miles away whose hearts beat together with ours."

The Israel Museum in Jerusalem is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year with many special exhibits.

Latest find excites Israel Museum

JERUSALEM —

Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, the Israel Museum of Jerusalem is busy collecting the relics of the ancient Jewish past.

The museum is, of course, not simply a permanent home for the ever-increasing biblical artifacts that archeologists dig up in the Holy Land.

It is a truly national museum and as such has become a gathering place as well for all forms of art and culture — old and new.

The people at the museum are buzzing these days with talk about the latest major find — fresh evidence for the existence of an ancient Jewish king.

Antigonus Mattathias, the last of the Hasmoneans, had the misfortune of being crucified and beheaded some 2,000 years ago. His name popped up in 1968 when some builders came upon an ancient cave where tombs were kept in Jerusalem.

Until then, there had never been any physical proof for the existence of a Jewish king. In a short time, visitors to the gleaming-white buildings of the Israel Museum will be able to have a close look at the tombstone and stone coffin and observe the proof with their own eyes.

"It may sound a bit trite, but the museum is one place where you can really feel the Bible come alive," says Meir Meyer, director of public affairs at the Israel Museum.

There's no better proof of what Meyer says than the museum's most dramatic showpiece from the biblical past, the world-famous collection of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The scrolls belonged to the Jewish sect, the Essenes, which flourished about 2,000 years ago at the end of the Second Temple period. The sect apparently dwelt in a monastery-like setting near the Dead Sea.

Delving into the stories and times of the Bible is naturally a consuming interest at Israel's national museum. But, this is a general museum too, and it reaches out into a wide variety of artistic fields and cultures.

For example, present-day trends in art and culture have their place at the museum. Apart from the sizeable biblical and Judaic collections, it's possible to find a Picasso painting, a Matisse drawing, or a Lipchitz sculpture.

The Jewish past is represented in a significant way. As an illustration, one can find Jewish ceremonial and ethnological objects dating back through the centuries. One popular item is a Jewish bridal costume from Yemen, replete with brocade, silver and gilded beads, and white pearls.

The very first examples of art you find are sculpture. Even before entering the museum, one strolls through the Billy Rose Art Gardens and comes upon sculpture that ranges from Henry Moore to Auguste Rodin.

Entering and leaving the museum is an experience by itself. The view all around is spectacular and takes in some of the country's most important institutions.

Hebrew U. to celebrate 50th birthday

MONTREAL —

Exciting plans have been prepared for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem announced Allan Bronfman, national president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and deputy chairman of the university's international board of governors.

In extending a cordial invitation to Canadian friends of the University to join him in a two week Golden Jubilee Tour to Israel commencing June 25, Bronfman stated:

"This is more than the usual group tour to Israel. No effort has been spared to make all aspects of the tour interesting and attractive, particularly through the active participation of the Hebrew University faculty members...as an example, leading scholars and researchers will accompany us to the archeological and historic sites with which they are associated.

"We shall have the opportunity to see at first hand what the university has accomplished in many important areas...to meet students from all four corners of the globe, to speak to graduates who started out as disadvantaged youth with no hope for the future, and who have now attained positions of responsibility in society, to meet with young researchers in their laboratories, and to feel the excitement of the rebuilding of Mount Scopus."

Highlights of the tour include an in-depth tour of the university's campuses, jubilee convocation ceremonies with the participation of Israel's President Ephraim Katzir, festive reception at the Knesset and Israel Museum, Yigael Yadin account of the Massada excavations, and visits to the Golan Heights, Galilee and Negev.

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Russian Jews facing problems

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the possibility of layoffs and long distances to decent jobs are new concepts. The Soviet immigrant is especially unfamiliar with job mobility. He simply doesn't trust that a temporary job in a lower status can eventually lead him to a position equal to his former occupational level. An engineer, for example, feels threatened when asked to take temporary work as a draftman.

A Russian worker may have skills that are too highly specialized for a similar vocation here, and may need retraining. In some fields, his skills are far behind, but retraining and delays in licensing are frustrating and demoralizing experiences.

Genya Intrater, national vice-president of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, told **The CJN** her reaction to the problems of employment for the Russian immigrant. "Of course they face a big cultural difference," she said, "but Canada is a good country and they will find a job. Its really a problem of acculturation to a free society.

"They don't understand there is a price for freedom," she explained. "Nobody supplies jobs. You have to learn to find your own job. Some of the Russians feel that after all the 'noise' of getting them here, they're left on their own. Instead, they should be grateful to be out in a free world."

Louis Poch described part of the acculturation process. All of the immigrants are met at the airport by a JIAS representative, along with Department of Manpower personnel who place the newcomers in hotels until JIAS arranges housing for them. The Jewish Agency then provides furniture and initial food supplies.

At varying points in the resettlement process, community volunteers enter the picture, notably National Council of Jewish Women, Holy Blossom Temple, and the Lubavitch Organization, as well as other interested groups. Poch admits that these community efforts are "presently on an ad hoc basis, and uncoordinated" though there has been some communication and co-operation between JIAS and the volunteers.

Since Jewish immigrants from the USSR arrive as so-called Open Placement immigrants, they are entitled to full federal governmental assistance. The Department of Manpower pays rent and provides basic minimum sustenance. JIAS supplements to those levels approved by the Jewish community. Generally, immigrants are assisted by the Department of Manpower until they have found employment or are enrolled in the English course provided by that department.

During the six-month duration of the language course, Manpower financially maintains the immigrants along with the JIAS supplement. The financial formula, based on a Jewish Family and Child Service budget, considers that the government assistance of $37 per week, for a single person, should be raised to $60 by JIAS funds. When the immigrant becomes employed, Manpower and JIAS cease their financial involvement. If he later becomes unemployed, he receives normal government unemployment benefits; or, if these have not yet accrued, he can seek further help from JIAS. Poch emphasizes that all such situations are treated on an individual basis.

Somewhere within this process, there is a breakdown in the communication of facts to the Russian immigrants, and many community members, and JIAS are concerned.

The National Religious Affairs Committee of Congress and the Canadian Catholic Conference recently held a one-day meeting in Montreal. From left are: Rabbi Allan Langner, chairman, National Religious Affairs Committee, Montreal; Monseigneur Antoine Hacault of St. Boniface and Monseigneur Bernard Daly of Ottawa, both of the Canadian Catholic Conference. (Canadian Jewish Congress photo)

Result of Vatican guidelines

Jews and Catholics join forces

MONTREAL —

A show of solidarity between Canadian Jews and Catholics has manifested itself in a series of joint activities as a result of the latest Vatican guidelines. As part of an on-going relationship between the two religions, the National Religious Affairs Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Catholic Conference held a one-day session at Congress headquarters recently.

Top priority during the conference was given to the problem of starvation in underdeveloped countries. Plan are now being formulated urging all religious leaders to assist in programs that will "humanize the feeding of these nations through methods of direct and specific food commitments," the conference stated.

Another area of major concern was the development of activities in order to bring about a better understanding of the implications in the Vatican guidelines. In order to clarify the provisions of the document the group has undertaken the planning of a multi-phased national conference to devise methods of developing tangible acts which will begin to give Jews and non-Jews the concept of justice "in setting the record straight."

The conference also dealt with problems of immigration, poverty, discrimination, terrorism and violence.

Winning essay wins trip

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Carleton University political science professor, the winning essay dealt with the history of the Palestinians and called for a solution along the lines of the secular democratic state of Yasser Arafat.

The judges claim they evaluated the essays on the basis of organization, clarity of writing, and academic presentation, rather than on their political arguments.

"We eliminated the purple prose — what was written as propaganda," Sigler said. "The position of the papers varied enormously. None called for conventional Arab positions. They all made provision for the continuing existence of the state of Isreal. But their terms differed for the Palestinian state."

Both the judges and the Arab Information Centre said the decision of the judges was made independently and was accepted without question.

The seven judges included several university professors and two MPs, Heath MacQuarrie (Conservative-Hillborough) and Ralph Stewart (Liberal-Cochrane). Stewart and MacQuarrie have both been vocal in the House of Commons about the Middle East and both have visited Israel and the Arab countries.

"I don't believe in taking sides about these problems. I try to be objective. I try not to be as pro-Israel as the press has been," Stewart told **The Canadian Jewish News.**

"The winning essay dealt very effectively with the historial aspect," MacQuarrie said, "and brought up recommendations that the dispossessed Palestinians had to have a vehicle to get out of their concentration camps... I mean refugee camps...but really they are concentration camps."

MacQuarrie said he has had a long-time interest in the question of the Palestinians and the Arab Federation knows him well. He spoke recently as a guest lecturer at an Ottawa Arab Federation meeting.

The winner were awarded their prizes at a cocktail party reception at the Chateau Laurier Hotel to mark the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the League of Arab States.

Second prize winner received $500, and third prize winner, $300.

WZO plans to offset Arab propaganda

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Means of communication will be modernized. Audio-visual equipment is rapidly adopted in many areas of Israel. Short films are in use "but this has not reached the scope we'd like it to yet."

Attempts will be made to present not only what is currently happening in the Mideast conflict but the fundamentals of Jewish life also.

The third point of the plan is the establishment of local information centres to more readily interpret issues at the regional level.

The WZO is striving for co-ordination in the broadcasting of material to avoid any diplication.

"We want to put people of talent and capacity in these positions to present truthfully all developments," Gilboa said.

A project began last year to train information activists in both the basics of Jewish culture. Israel's problems, the Arab-Israeli conflict, as well as the technique of communicating information. Courses were given in English and Spanish.

"The project exceeded all our expectations said Gilboa, a former high-ranking civil servant in the office of the then minister of foreign affairs, Abba Eban. "75 people from 23 countries enrolled in the course."

Within the last year information centres were opened in Australia, Sweden, Holland, New Zealand, Chile, and Belgium.

The WZO already operates a press service throughout the world in a variety of languages.

Daughter to be installed

TORONTO —

On April 27th, a traditional ceremony will take place in Toronto, with the unique touch that will make it a first in Canada's Jewish community. The mother and father will install their daughter as president of Leora Chapter B'nai B'rith Women.

Esther Exton, past president of Eglinton Chapter B'nai B'rith and Eric Exton, past president of Eglinton Lodge, will officiate in installing their daughter Sybil Berenstein.

For Sybil, this marks another stepping stone from her work as vice-president of Leora Chapter and her past activities as vice-president of the B'nai B'rith girls chapter. Her husband Barry, is also active in Canyon Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

"I cannot express the pride I feel over this event," said Exton. "I am so grateful that Sybil has chosen to dedicate her life to an endeavor that will help others. I firmly believe that working for one's fellow mankind is the only way to find complete inner satisfaction."

Exton is president of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and president of the Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem. Esther Exton, his wife, is vice-president of the Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary and has been very active in many other community programs.

Sybil's only brother, Lennie, was the founding president of Zenith Chapter, A.Z.A. of B'nai B'rith youth organization.

Russian guide has exhausted initial printing

NEW YORK —

International demand for the recently published translation of Rabbi Dr. Leo Jung's **Essentials of Judaism** in Russian language, has exhausted its initial printing by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. In a report issued by UOJCA President Harold M. Jacobs, and Soviet Jewry Commission Chairman Michael C. Wimpfheimer, a second printing of the Jewish classic was announced, for free distribution to Soviet Jews throughout the world.

The first printing was exhausted in only five weeks, as requests for the 36-page booklet poured in from national Soviet Jewry organizations, and such local Jewish community groups as Montreal, Canada; Miami, Florida; Brookline, Massachusetts; Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens.

Keynote speaker is Judy LaMarsh

TORONTO —

Judy LaMarsh will be keynote speaker at the annual Conference of Women to be held this year at Beth Tzedec Synagogue April 10 from 9:30 to 3 p.m.

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations has labelled this year's conference **Scenario '80 — Today's Trends, Tomorrow's Truths.** Chairman of the conference is Mrs. Toby Farb.

Ms. LaMarsh, former federal cabinet minister, will moderate a panel of three in the moving. Judy Jordan, Toronto Board of Education trustee, will speak on **Lifestyles Transition — Zero Population Growth.** Sally Zerker, associate professor, social sciences at York University will talk on **The Power Game — New Rules, New Players.** Also addressing the expected 500 persons will be Rupert Shriar, director of social planning, United Jewish Welfare Fund on the topic **Changing Values — Impact of Technology.**

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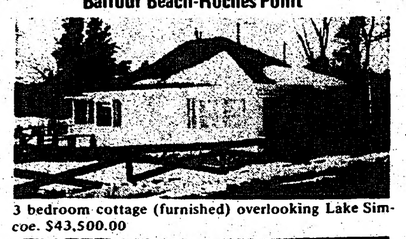
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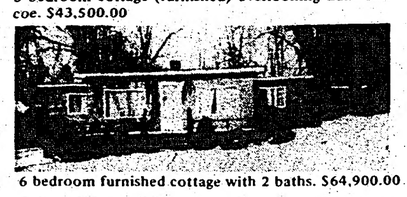
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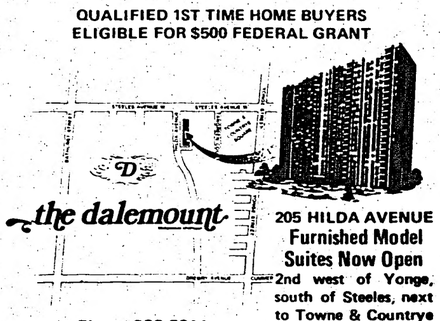
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Bosem, Rachel. At Miami Beach, Florida, on Saturday, March 22, 1975, dearly beloved wife of the late Simon David Bosem, dear mother of Mrs. Harry Abelson (Sari), Lionel and Mrs. Bob Goodis (Tova), devoted grandmother of Bronie, Charles, Kandi and Mitchell Abelson, Sandy and Marc Bosem, Wanda and Randy Goodis. Funeral service took place in Miami Beach, Florida. Graveside service at Adath Israel Congregation Cemetery de la Savane, on Monday, March 24, at 3:00 p.m. Shiva at 6185 Deacon Road, Mtl., and at Bob Goodis's residence, in Miami Beach, Florida.

Army units evacuated about 800 would-be settlers of the Gush Emunim movement from a large former Jordanian army bunker at Shilo on the highway north of Ramallah to Nablus. Settlers are behind an iron bunker which they brought with them and mounted onto the entrance to the bunker. Army troops broke the gate.

Assad won't allow Jews to leave Syria

NEW YORK —

President Hafez al-Assad of Syria has indicated he would permit former Syrian Jews now living in America to visit their relatives in Syria, but remains "fundamentally unresponsive" on the question of allowing Syrian Jews to emigrate, a Brooklyn Congressman reported this week.

Rep. Stephen J. Solarz, who spent two hours with the Syrian president earlier this month and then visited the Jewish ghetto in Damascus, told a meeting of the American Jewish Congress Executive Committee here that Syrian Jews were "the most oppressed Jewish community in the world" and would "undoubtedly leave if given the chance."

He said that in his visit to the Damascus ghetto he was "constantly accompanied" by four Syrian security guards and that Jews he met with "clearly were not in a position to speak freely, to complain about their condition or criticize the government."

Rep. Solarz, a freshman congressman and member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, spoke at the headquarters of the American Jewish Congress, 15 E. 84th St. He said he took part in early morning synagogue services in Damascus and was given a breakfast by leaders of the Jewish community. The Syrian agents were present at all times, he said.

Under the circumstances, Rep. Solarz said, "it would have been cruel and pointless to put questions to the Jews I met about their condition. Jews living in a police state like Syria should not be placed in the position of having to misrepresent their situation in order to insure their survival."

He was sharply critical of the CBS "60 Minutes" program Feb. 16th and characterized correspondent Mike Wallace's questioning of Damascus Jews under the eyes of Syrian agents as "one of the most inane interrogations in the history of American journalism." Rep. Solarz declared:

"These are facts confirmed over and over again by Syrian Jews who have somehow managed to escape from Syria. They are facts that the captive Jews in Syria clearly cannot confirm in the presence of Syrian government agents, who accompanied me and who accompanied Mr. Wallace as well."

Solarz spent 18 days in the Middle East earlier this month. He is the first Jewish congressman to speak with President Assad and visit the Jewish ghetto. He also visited Egypt, meeting with President Anwar el-Sadat; Jordan, where he met with King Hussein, and Israel, where he held meetings with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon.

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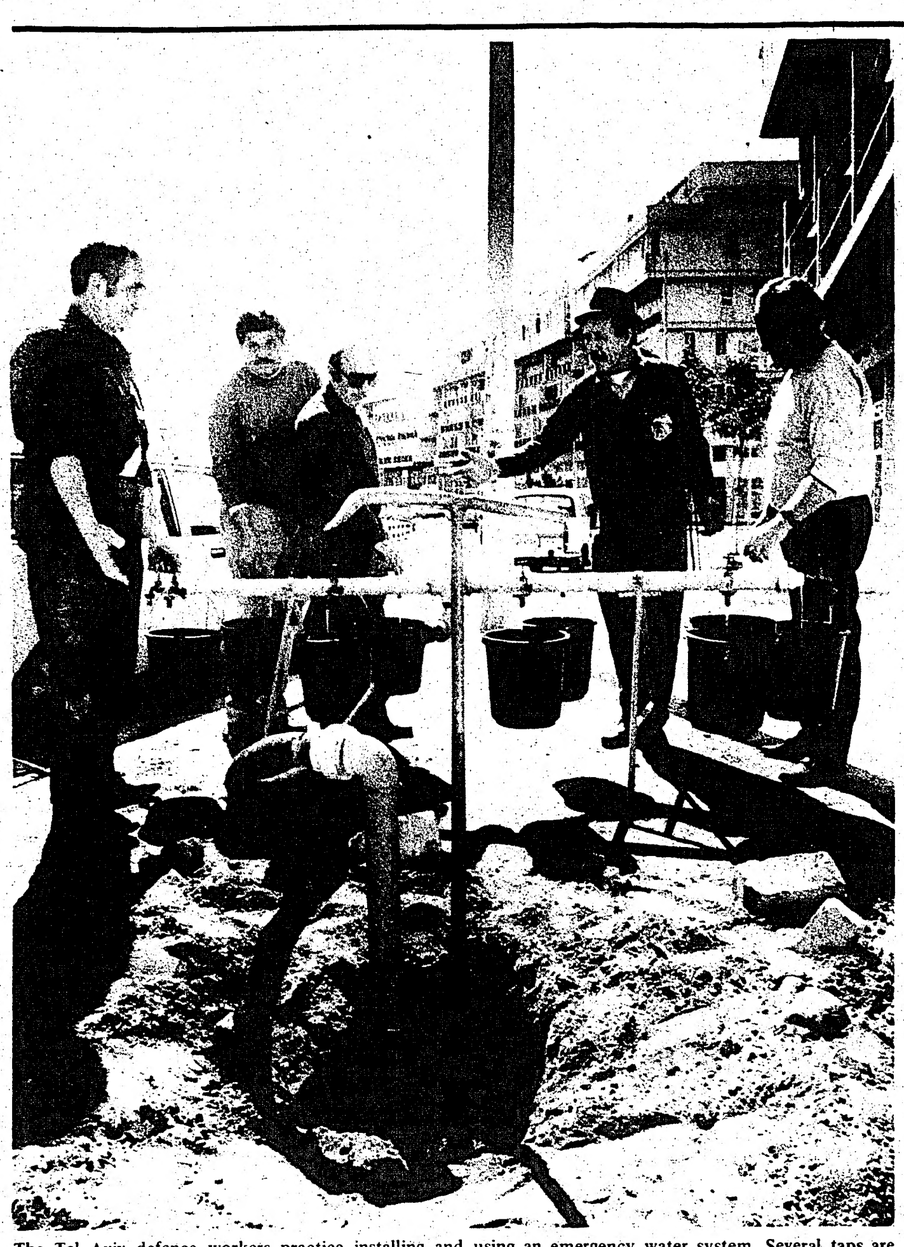

The Tel Aviv defence workers practice installing and using an emergency water system. Several taps are rapidly installed as an existing water pipe during a civil defence exercise in Israel. (IPPA photograph)

Debate reaction to Arab terror attacks

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT, ISRAEL — Oren, my six-year-old son, drew one immediate conclusion after hearing about the terrorist attack on the Savoy Hotel in Tel Aviv: "If they can get to Tel Aviv," he declared with great authority, "they can get to Rehovot."

Seeing no other possible response, I nodded my head in agreement. But I had no inkling that he would be proven right so soon. That very night, terrorism hit Rehovot for the first time. It was a very minor affair; a small quantity of dynamite went off next to an apartment building, damaging a household gas installation and a couple of parked automobiles.

People in Rehovot took it in their stride, or at least most of them did. There was, however, the 10-year-old daughter of some friends who, because of the incident, asked her parents to stay at home the next night rather than go out to a party, as they had planned. Some parents also decided that their children should be off the streets a little earlier than usual, just in case.

The Tel Aviv attack revived discussion of several basic issues. Here and there, for example, voices have been raised against the government's no-compromise policy in dealing with terrorist demands, though most Israelis who expressed themselves — including, poignantly, a man from Kibbutz Shamir whose wife was murdered in a similar incident agreed that no other approach was feasible in Israel's situation.

Counter-terror has again been publicly suggested, this time by a group of professors, lawyers and ex-generals. One of them is Yohai Ben-Nun, commander of the Israeli navy in its early years. Ben-Nun this week recalled that he and a handful of other Jewish naval commandoes had all by themselves blown up several British ships and tied down hundreds of British troops during the 1946-48 struggle against the Mandatory authorities. A small group of trained men could do the same thing against the neighboring Arab states, he argues, adding: "We shouldn't stoop to indiscriminate killing of women and children, but we could certainly hit sensitive economic targets hard enough to make Arab leaders think twice before encouraging terrorism against us."

Even veteran supporters of the government are dismayed at its failure, perhaps because of the Kissinger mission, to launch an immediate retaliatory attack after the Tel Aviv killings. A close friend of Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said he fully expected that PLO installations would be under bombardment within hours of the Fatah outrage. "They weren't, and I don't understand why," he thundered.

On the other hand, some observers have argued that the government is over-reacting to terror attacks, which, they say, do not fundamentally endanger Israel's existence. "We are giving free publicity to the PLO" a popular columnist wrote, "when the prime minister, the defense minister and the chief of staff go rushing off to the scene of an attack, or when an act of terror evokes a cabinet meeting."

Whether or not an assault on a Tel Aviv hotel endangers Israel's existence, it most certainly endangers Israel's already battered tourist industry, which has been hard hit by the world slump in tourism as well as by local uncertainties. It will now be even more difficult to attract visitors, even though, in fact, Tel Aviv is still safer than New York City or the Virgin Islands.

These attacks may frighten away some potential visitors, but they attract others. A Weizmann Institute scientist, now in the final stages of organizing an international conference on immunology to be held here in June, this week received the following cable from a well-known European researcher: "I imagine some of my colleagues will be cancelling out; so I've decided to come. Hope you can find room for me."

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Swiss are deciding what to do regarding assets of Nazi era

By F.L. BRASSLOFF

The Swiss Parliament is now considering a recommendation made by the federal government on the distribution of the modest sum of two million francs, (about $750,000), the unclaimed heirless assets deposited by victims of Nazi persecution with Swiss banks.

The government had proposed that two-thirds of the sum should be handed over to the Union of Swiss Jewish Communities and the remainder to the International Committee of the Red Cross, the funds to be devoted to humanitarian purposes, taking due account of their origin.

Rather surprisingly, the recommendation was amended at the committee stage. Instead of the Red Cross, the Association of Swiss Welfare Agencies for Aid to Refugees would become the recipient of the ⅓ share. It will be some months before the federal Parliament makes its final decision, no doubt in its traditionally quiet and unobtrusive manner, thus bringing to a not entirely happy but long overdue end a chapter of post-war history which once caused considerable and even heated controversy.

It was already obvious during the war that the murderous "Final Solution" of the Jewish problem by the Nazis and their satellites would also have the effect that assets held by German and other Jews in neutral countries could not be claimed by the owners or any heirs.

The Allied Powers adopted a new and at the time even revolutionary principle at the Paris Conference on Reparations in December 1945: Assets of the victims of Nazi action, who had died and left no heirs, should be used for the rehabilitation and resettlement of the survivors of the Holocaust.

The implementation of that principle was, however, fraught with many difficulties, particularly in the case of Switzerland, whose banks put up a strong resistance to anything which might possibly breach their virtually sacrosanct rule of strict secrecy concerning clients' accounts.

This negative attitude strengthened the conviction in Jewish circles that very large sums must be at stake. It required incessant prodding on the part of the Union of Swiss Jewish Communities and frequent reminders by international Jewish bodies to persuade the Swiss authorities to handle what was for them no doubt "a very hot potatoe."

Proceeding slowly and haltingly, Parliament in 1962 finally enacted detailed provisions which obliged the banks to divulge unclaimed properties and to hand over such assets to surviving heirs of Nazi victims, thus preparing the basis for the distribution of those assets which would remain without claiments.

This stage has now been reached. The meagre financial result of long years of effort is bound to disappoint those who expected, rather naively, that hundreds of millions would come to light. But it is of relevance that the intention to reserve unclaimed heirless properties for humanitarian purposes has been upheld against heavy odds.

Whether substantial sums are still hidden away in Swiss hands remains an open question.

The Union of Jewish Communities has made it clear that it will pass on its share of the "cake" to international Jewish relief agencies while the association for aid to refugees, which is composed of Jewish, Christian and other institutions, will certainly know how to make appropriate use of its portion.

It is still possible that the federal Parliament will want to give preference to the International Committee of the Red Cross, which contrary to the suggestion in its global title, is an exclusively Swiss body. Its council, whose members are not elected but co-opted, may not be eager, however, to get involved in an unattractive task, the more so as the record of the IRC towards Jewish civilians under Nazi domination is still controversial.

Moreover, the International Red Cross seems to be anxious not to antagonize the Arab side in the Middle East conflict.

The authorities doubtless will be glad to add their files on Jewish heirless properties to the archives, next to the sometimes embarrassing documentation on the handling of the refugee issue by Switzerland in the Nazi era, illustrating the country's tragic failures to live up to its humanitarian tradition in times of dire need.

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